



ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR MATTERS PRESENTED TO THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO 10:00 A.M. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2024 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING IN THE CHRISTOPHER IANNELLA CHAMBER ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HER HONOR, THE MAYOR:

0338 Message and order for your approval, an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by One Million Two Hundred and Three Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-One Dollars (\$1,203,751.00) to provide funding for various City Departments for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Council 93.

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Filed in Office of the City Clerk on February 12, 2024.

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Filed in Office of the City Clerk on February 12, 2024.

- 0342** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Five Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars and Twelve Cents (\$1,705,475.12) in the form of a grant, for the FY24 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund regional and multidisciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution and reintegration programs.
- 0343** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) in the form of a grant for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will support arts programming, community events and parks operations across Boston.
- 0344** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$23,400.00) in the form of a grant for the FY24 Municipal Road Safety, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund high-visibility enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and occupant protection.
- 0345** Message transmitting certain information under section 17F relative to the Boston Emergency Medical Services response times pertaining to Docket #0205, passed by the Council on January 22, 2024.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND OTHERS:

- 0346** Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of January 31, 2024.
- 0347** Communication was received from the Office of Black Male Advancement of the report entitled "Black Male Advancement Quarterly Report" October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023.

MATTERS RECENTLY HEARD-FOR POSSIBLE ACTION:

- [0302](#) A petition for a special law re: An age waiver for the maximum age requirement for Paul O'Brien to join the Boston Police Department.
- [0284](#) Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Youth Engagement and Advancement, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital, to be administered by the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement. The grant will fund a development series with ongoing workshops for youth workers to learn skills and strategies to become more effective in their positions. The funds will be used towards the Mayor's Youth Summit.
- [0258](#) Message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School and Murphy K-8 School.

MOTIONS, ORDERS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- [0348](#) **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss a comprehensive review and update of the Boston EMS Service Zone Plan.
- [0349](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the goals and priorities of the City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services.
- [0350](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the community process for transportation planning in the City of Boston.
- [0351](#) **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order for a meeting to review the Boston City Council rules.
- [0352](#) **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Order for a hearing to explore the creation of a citywide merchandise licensing program.
- [0353](#) **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the feasibility of BPS providing ESOL classes for parents.
- [0354](#) **Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding current bail policies in local jails.

- 0355 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss ways to equitably fight climate displacement in District Seven.
- 0356 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss prioritizing equitable development by exploring financial solutions to clean parcels prior to acquisition in Boston.
- 0357 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the possibility of congestion pricing in Boston.
- 0358 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Resolution in support of the name change of the Roxbury Library to the Nubian Library.
- 0359 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution to Combat and Prevent Human Trafficking.
- 0360 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Children of Addiction Week.
- 0361 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of a negotiated ceasefire in Gaza.

PERSONNEL ORDERS:

- 0362 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following:** Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joshua Champagne in City Council, effective February 19, 2024.

GREEN SHEETS:

- 14/24** Legislative Calendar for February 14, 2024.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- 0363 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Samuel “Metro” Mullin.
- 0364 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Col. Christopher B. Shaw.
- 0365 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Hon. Justin A. Petty.
- 0366 Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Shary Browne.

- 0367** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Michael Matthews.
- 0368** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution congratulating Parker-Vincent Alva.
- 0369** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution congratulating Little Crafters Child Care Center.
- 0370** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Rev. Kevin Peterson.
- 0371** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing CCBA.
- 0372** Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution recognizing Filippo Frattaroli.
- 0373** Councilor Coletta offered the following: Resolution in memory of John "Sonny" Mirabella.
- 0374** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution in memory of Roberta Frances Madden.



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

February 12, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order to reduce the FY24 appropriation for the Reserve for Collective Bargaining by one million, two hundred three thousand, seven hundred fifty one dollars (\$1,203,751) to provide funding for various city department for the FY24 increases contained within the collective bargaining agreements between the City of Boston and the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, Council 93.

I respectfully request your favorable action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER REDUCING THE FY24 APPROPRIATION FOR THE RESERVE FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS (\$1,203,751)

ORDERED: That the appropriation heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be reduced by the following amount:

100-999000-51000 Reserve for Collective Bargaining \$1,203,751

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
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BY


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As originally presented to you, the FY24 budget request included a Reserve for Collective Bargaining - a separate appropriation to fund projected collective bargaining increases. A separate order has been filed to reduce that appropriation to support this supplemental request.

I respectfully request your support of this supplemental appropriation.

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CITY OF BOSTON
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AN ORDER APPROPRIATING ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS (\$1,203,751) TO COVER THE FY24 COST ITEMS CONTAINED WITHIN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, COUNCIL 93

ORDERED: That in addition to the appropriations heretofore made, to meet the current operating expenses of the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, the sum of ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY ONE DOLLARS (\$1,203,751) be, and the same hereby is appropriated as follows, said sum to be met from available funds and taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws: -

136000	Assessing Department	Personnel Services	\$31,100
211000	Police Department	Personnel Services	\$81,113
221000	Fire Department	Personnel Services	\$57,212
251000	Transportation Department (Traffic)	Personnel Services	\$293,870
253000	Office of Parking Clerk	Personnel Services	\$30,556
260000	Inspectional Services Department	Personnel Services	\$145,906
300000	Parks and Recreation	Personnel Services	\$166,890
310000	Office of Streets	Personnel Services	\$7,892
311000	Public Works	Personnel Services	\$344,587
387000	Age Strong Commission	Personnel Services	\$23,193
400000	Cemetery Division	Personnel Services	\$21,432

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IN CITY COUNCIL

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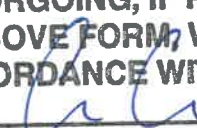
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114000	Consumer Affairs & Licensing	Personnel Services	\$3,720
121000	Election Division	Personnel Services	\$14,556
131000	Auditing Department	Personnel Services	\$7,137
136000	Assessing Department	Personnel Services	\$21,256
137000	Collecting Division	Personnel Services	\$13,854
138000	Collecting Division	Personnel Services	\$5,817
141000	Budget Management	Personnel Services	\$914
142000	Human Resources	Personnel Services	\$18,813
143000	Procurement	Personnel Services	\$10,716
149000	Department of Innovation and Technology	Personnel Services	\$8,365
151000	Law Department	Personnel Services	\$6,081
156000	Supplier Diversity	Personnel Services	\$3,186
157000	Labor Compliance and Worker Protection	Personnel Services	\$9,118
161000	City Clerk	Personnel Services	\$1,680
163000	Registry Division	Personnel Services	\$8,599
180000	Property Management Department	Personnel Services	\$44,165
181000	Public Facilities Department	Personnel Services	\$7,382
182000	Office of Economic Opportunity and	Personnel Services	\$11,351

	Inclusion		
211000	Police Department	Personnel Services	\$262,746
260000	Inspectional Services Department	Personnel Services	\$851
300000	Parks and Recreation	Personnel Services	\$2,618
385000	Boston Centers for Youth and Families	Personnel Services	\$152,044
387000	Age Strong	Personnel Services	\$25,599
741000	Boston VETS	Personnel Services	\$6,686

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02-07-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

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The grant would fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

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Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY24 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative FUNDS, AWARDED BY MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (**\$1,705,475.12**) would fund regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated prevention and intervention, law enforcement, prosecution, and reintegration programs. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, FY24 Senator Charles E. Shannon Jr. Community Safety Initiative award not to exceed the amount of ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND TWELVE CENTS (**\$1,705,475.12**).

Docket #

**In City Council
Passed**

City Clerk

Mayor

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Office of the Mayor

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February 12, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Red Sox Arts and Parks Program, awarded by the Boston Red Sox to be administered by the Mayor's Office. The grant will fund and support arts programs, community events and park operations across Boston.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them for the purpose for which they are awarded.

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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND RED SOX ARTS AND PARKS PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$325,000) TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ORDERED: That the City of Boston, acting by and through the Mayor's Office, be, and hereby is, authorized, in accordance with Section 53A1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend a grant from the Boston Red Sox in the amount of three hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$325,000) for the purpose of supporting arts programming, community events, and park operations across Boston.

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BY _____

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02-07-2024

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The grant would fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and occupant protection.

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City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FY24 Municipal Road Safety FUNDS, AWARDED BY United States Department of Transportation AND MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Transportation and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security, are being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$23,400.00)** would fund high-visibility traffic enforcement of motor vehicle laws, including but not limited to, speeding and aggressive driving, distracted driving, impaired driving and occupant protection. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of Transportation, and MA Executive Office Of Public Safety & Security' FY24 Municipal Road Safety award not to exceed the amount of TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS **(\$23,400.00)**.

Docket #

**In City Council
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City Clerk

Mayor

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February 12, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Councilors:

In response to a 17F request filed by your Honorable Body on January 22, 2024, Docket #0205. Re:
Relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Michelle Wu, *Mayor*
Bisola Ojikutu, MD, MPH, *Executive Director*



James Hooley, *Chief of Department*
Sophia Dyer, MD, *Medical Director*

February 6, 2024

Boston City Council
One City Hall Square, 5th Floor
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Docket #0205

Dear Councilor Breadon,

Attached please find responses to Docket #0205: *Order requesting certain information under 17F relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times*, filed on January 22, 2024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Hooley", followed by a horizontal line.

James Hooley
Chief of Department
Boston EMS



Boston EMS

Re. Docket #0205: Order requesting certain information under 17F relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times

In the three years post-COVID-19, Boston EMS has seen record increases in emergency medical call volume. The Department went from answering the call for 115,537 emergency medical incidents in 2020 to 138,797 incidents in 2023, a 20% increase. Although the City has actively invested in the Department, adding 29 uniformed positions during this timeframe, a statewide shortage in EMTs has presented challenges filling vacancies. To address this, Boston EMS has taken a multifaceted approach, with the positive impact to begin taking effect in February of 2024. As Boston EMS aligns resources with demand, response times will go down.

Actions to fill vacancies, address rising demand for services, and reduce response times include:

1. **Pipeline to Employment** – In 2022, Boston EMS secured federal grant funding in partnership with the Worker Empowerment Cabinet to offer over 300 EMT course scholarships for individuals interested in employment.
2. **Cadet Program** – In 2023, the first cohort of EMS Cadets in approximately two decades began their employment, creating a pay-to-learn opportunity for individuals to become certified EMTs and transition to an EMT Recruit Academy after 6 months.
3. **Recruitment** – In 2022, Boston EMS assigned a Deputy Superintendent to oversee year-round recruiting as well as adding a second grant-funded recruitment position in 2023.
4. **Hiring Campaign** - A 'Bring who you are, to who we are' hiring campaign was launched in 2023, including ads on MBTA buses, subway stations and social media.
5. **Residency waiver** – In 2023, a temporary suspension of the residency requirement has expanded the pool of individuals eligible for employment at Boston EMS.
6. **Filling vacancies** – in the last six months, Boston EMS has onboarded 58 new hires, with active hiring for the next EMT-Recruit Academy and Cadet class underway.
7. **Ambulance stations** - A new station in West Roxbury is scheduled to open in March of 2024. Additional efforts are underway to address stations needs in multiple neighborhoods across the city. Ambulance availability is positively impacted by units having a station within their service area.
8. **Mobile Integrated Healthcare ED Avoidance (MIH EDA)** – Since becoming the first EMS in the Commonwealth to secure MIH EDA, in July of 2022, hundreds of patients have benefited from alternative services and enhanced care coordination.

Priority 1 Response Times

Incidents determined to be more life-threatening, based on what is communicated by the 9-1-1 caller, as well as those where the severity of illness/injury is unknown, are categorized as 'Priority 1'. For the 31,985 Priority 1 calls in 2022 and 35,167 Priority 1 calls in 2023, below are the median response times (in minutes) by neighborhood. It should be noted that of the Priority 1 calls, those that are more life-threatening, continue to have faster response times. For example, Priority 1 incidents type coded as 'trauma' have a citywide 5.18-minute median response time in 2022 and 5.87 in 2023.

Neighborhood	2022	2023
Boston Downtown	6.58	6.90
Allston/Brighton	7.62	7.82
Charlestown	6.67	7.85
Dorchester	7.29	7.70
East Boston	7.65	7.88
Hyde Park	9.12	9.15
Jamaica Plain	7.62	7.63
Mattapan	7.23	7.43
Roslindale	7.68	7.67
Roxbury	6.22	6.38
South Boston	6.75	7.20
West Roxbury	8.92	8.87
Citywide	7.07	7.15

Boston EMS response times are from 9-1-1 call entry to ambulance arrival; they include the time Boston EMS 9-1-1 call-takers triage the incident and record pertinent information, the time for the unit(s) to be dispatched, and ambulance travel time.

As a two-tiered pre-hospital system, the department includes both Basic Life Support (BLS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) skills. Boston EMS does not have a benchmark for ALS response times because care is initiated with the first arriving unit, which may be EMTs or Paramedics. Response times are not tracked or reported by resource type, which can be added or removed, based on the evolving needs of an incident. With 21 frontline EMT-staffed BLS ambulances and 5 paramedic-staffed ALS ambulances, Boston EMS typically sends both an ALS and BLS ambulance to the more critical medical emergencies. This allows the more readily available BLS crews to arrive and begin the provision of care, as well as drive both ambulances while paramedics work jointly to render care.

Additional Personnel

The current 31 EMT Recruits completed their 17-week classroom portion of their training in January (2024) and will be assigned to training ambulances in February, responding to real 9-1-1 emergencies and providing additional resources to residents across the city experiencing a medical emergency. Shortly after these EMT-Recruits graduate on April 12th, a new EMT Recruit class is scheduled to start 10 days later, which will include current Cadets. A second Cadet cohort is scheduled to start the week after, on April 29th.

Since 2020, Boston EMS has offered over 20 scholarships to department EMTs, to attend paramedic training, necessary to secure state certification and become eligible for promotion to paramedic.

Background

Boston Emergency Medical Services is the City's municipal ambulance service, responding to 9-1-1 clinical incidents across every neighborhood, 365 days a year. Personnel are principally assigned to field and dispatch operations, answering the call, providing patient care, and transporting to area hospitals. As a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission, Boston EMS strives to offer clinical proficiency, professionalism, and compassion, while adapting services to meet the evolving needs of

our patient population. Bridging the dual public health and public safety role, Boston EMS has always been a safety net to the City's most vulnerable residents.

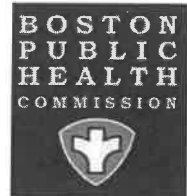
In Boston, when a 9-1-1 call is made, a civilian Boston Police Department call-taker is the first point of contact. They assess whether the emergency is principally an EMS, Police or Fire matter. Calls that are medical in nature are promptly transferred to a Boston EMS call-taker, who is also an experienced Department EMT with enhanced (9-1-1 dispatch) training and certifications. The EMT call-taker can capture relevant information and remain on the line while an ambulance is dispatched, coaching the caller through steps to render care, including CPR or first aid, as well as childbirth. This process allows emergency medical care to be initiated immediately after someone calls 9-1-1.



BOSTON EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

2023 VITAL STATISTICS

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Boston Land Area: 48 sq. miles

Daytime Population: 1.2 million

Budgeted FTEs: 460

Peak Staffing: 21 Basic Life Support/5 Advanced Life Support Ambulances

Stations: 16

SYSTEM WIDE CALL VOLUME			
	2023	2022	Pct. Change
Total Clinical Incidents	138,797	134,424	3.15% increase
Total ALS and BLS Responses	165,611	168,060	-1.48% decrease
Total Transports	91,369	89,265	2.30% increase

MEDIAN RESPONSE TIMES			
	2023	2022	Goals
Priority 1	7.15 min	7.07 min	6.0 min
Priority 2	10.4 min	9.9 min	7.0 min
Priority 3	10.6 min	10.0 min	8.0 min

INCIDENTS BY PRIORITY	NUMBER	PCT.
Priority 1	35,167	25.33%
Priority 2	61,776	44.51%
Priority 3	39,397	28.38%
Priority 4 & Other	2,467	1.78%
Total	138,797	100%

PERSONNEL	COUNT	PCT.
EMTs (Field/Dispatch)	329	77%
Paramedics	52	12%
Supervisor/Command	47	11%

INCIDENTS BY TYPE	NUMBER	PCT.
Illness (abdominal pain, fever, dizzy)	48,564	34.99%
Investigations (person down, alarm)	24,146	17.40%
Injury (lacerations, fractures, etc.)	16,415	11.83%
Cardiac Related (unconscious, CPR, etc.)	12,772	9.20%
Respiratory (Asthma, CHF, etc.)	9,728	7.01%
Psychological/Suicidal	10,796	7.78%
Motor Vehicle (MVA, pedestrian)	5,477	3.95%
Neurological (CVA, seizures)	5,051	3.64%
Fire/ Hazmat/ Standby/ Environ.	2,155	1.55%
Trauma (penetrating injury, long fall, etc.)	1,028	0.74%
Overdose	2,665	1.92%
Total	138,797	100%

NEIGHBORHOOD	INCIDENTS	PCT.
Allston/ Brighton	7,362	5.30%
Boston Central	33,057	23.82%
Charlestown	2,432	1.75%
East Boston	9,335	6.74%
South Boston	7,268	5.24%
Roxbury	24,060	17.33%
Dorchester	29,393	21.18%
Roslindale	3,701	2.67%
Jamaica Plain	7,198	5.19%
West Roxbury	3,639	2.62%
Hyde Park	5,204	3.75%
Mattapan	5,374	3.87%
Other	754	0.54%
Total	138,797	100%

PATIENTS BY AGE	NUMBER	PCT.
Under 15	4,194	5.15%
15-24	10,370	9.56%
25-44	29,866	27.57%
45-64	31,646	29.16%
65-74	14,310	13.15%
75+	16,742	15.43%



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SYSTEM WIDE CALL VOLUME			
	2022	2021	Pct. Change
Total Clinical Incidents	134,424	126,790	6.02% increase
Total ALS and BLS Responses	168,060	160,577	4.66% increase
Total Transports	89,265	85,252	4.71% increase

MEDIAN RESPONSE TIMES			
	2022	2021	Goals
Priority 1	7.07 min	6.3 min	6.0 min
Priority 2	9.9 min	8.3 min	7.0 min
Priority 3	10.0 min	8.1 min	8.0 min

INCIDENTS BY PRIORITY	NUMBER	PCT.
Priority 1	34,358	25.56%
Priority 2	59,507	44.27%
Priority 3	38,299	28.49%
Priority 4 & Other	2,260	1.68%
Total	134,424	100%

UNFIIFORM PERSONNEL	COUNT	PCT.
EMTs (Field/Dispatch)	324	77%
Paramedics	52	12%
Supervisor/Command	47	11%

INCIDENTS BY TYPE	NUMBER	PCT.
Illness (abdominal pain, fever, dizzy)	44,936	33.43%
Investigations (person down, alarm)	24,412	18.16%
Injury (lacerations, fractures, etc.)	15,707	11.68%
Cardiac Related (unconscious, CPR, etc.)	12,708	9.45%
Respiratory (Asthma, CHF, etc.)	9,617	7.15%
Psychological/Suicidal	10,707	7.97%
Motor Vehicle (MVA, pedestrian)	5,247	3.90%
Neurological (CVA, seizures)	4,893	3.64%
Fire/ Hazmat/ Standby/ Environ.	2,473	1.84%
Trauma (penetrating injury, long fall, etc.)	1,114	0.83%
Overdose	2,610	1.94%
Total	134,424	100%

NEIGHBORHOOD	INCIDENTS	PCT.
Allston/ Brighton	7,371	5.48%
Boston Central	31,549	23.47%
Charlestown	2,426	1.80%
East Boston	8,686	6.46%
South Boston	7,177	5.34%
Roxbury	23,060	17.15%
Dorchester	28,460	21.17%
Roslindale	3,635	2.70%
Jamaica Plain	7,263	5.40%
West Roxbury	3,655	2.72%
Hyde Park	5,168	3.84%
Mattapan	5,145	3.83%
Other	829	0.62%
Total	134,424	100%

PATIENTS BY AGE	NUMBER	PCT.
Under 15	4,619	5.16%
15-24	8,224	9.18%
25-44	24,268	27.10%
45-64	26,441	29.53%
65-74	11,745	13.12%
75+	14,247	15.91%



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

February 7, 2024

To The City Council

Councilors:

In accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979, I hereby notify you of the following actions taken by the Mayor with regard to the papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of, January 31, 2024, viz.

- 0134 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.

Approved by the Mayor February 5, 2024

Respectfully,

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk



Mayor's Office of
Black Male Advancement

Quarterly Report

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

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OVERVIEW

OUR MISSION

The Office of Black Male Advancement strives to improve outcomes and reduce systemic barriers to advancement for Black men and boys living in Boston. Our office works to empower Black men and boys. We want to ensure they have equitable access to opportunities in the City. As part of our work, we focus on policies, programs, resources, and local and national partnerships.

Our goal is to ensure Black men and boys have support to thrive and share in our City's prosperity.

OUR PRIORITIES

Economic
Opportunity &
Workers
Empowerment

Education &
Youth
Advancement

Affordable
Housing &
Pathways to
Homeownership

Public Health
and Wellness &
Fatherhood and
Families

Equity and
Racial Justice

Community
Safety &
Returning
Citizens

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

- Boston has approximately 90,000 Black male residents.
- 25% of Black males are children under 18.
- Black male residents are represented in every neighborhood in Boston, with a higher concentration residing in Roxbury, Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park.
- The countries with the largest number of foreign-born Black males are Haiti, Jamaica, & Cabo Verde.



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OUR FOCUS

- Facilitate Black Men and Boys Commission meetings.
- Publicize report on Status of Black Men and Boys in Boston.
- Assist Black male constituents in accessing programs, services & critical information.
- Connect Black male-serving organizations to resources to better serve their constituents.
- Publicize critical resources to the Black male community.
- Support city, state, and federal governments, community based organizations and private sector to more equitably serve our Black male residents.
- Educate Boston residents on the Black Men and Boys Commission and Black Male Advancement programs.
- Monitor and advise city agencies and departments on issues pertaining to Black men and boys
- Design projects and programs that promote equity for Black men and boys which are not currently being implemented by existing city agencies.
- Perform outreach, communication, and liaison to Black men and boys related to community groups and organizations.
- Coordinate dialogues and action on behalf of city government to issues of concern to Black men and boys and related organizations.



Overview

OUR REPORTS AND RESOURCES

[**BMA Report: Recommendations for Action:**](#) Professor Emeritus James Jennings outlining twenty action steps for the Commission of Black Men & Boys and the Office of Black Male Advancement

[**The State of Black Males in Boston:**](#) This is a comprehensive report created by the Office of Black Male Advancement (BMA) in partnership with Boston Planning and Development Agency's (BPDA) Research Division. Using data gathered from a number of different peer-reviewed sources, the report is meant to help guide the Office's efforts to adequately address the systemic barriers to the advancement of Black males in Boston.

[**BPDA Redlining in Boston:**](#) This report, created by BMA in partnership with BPDA Research Division, outlines redlining in Boston. Using data gathered from a number of different peer-reviewed sources, the report is meant to help guide the Office's efforts to adequately address the systemic barriers to the advancement of Black males in Boston.

[**Violence Prevention, Intervention, and Recovery Funding FY22 Dataset:**](#) This dataset was created by BMA in partnership with the Department of Innovation & Technology. This dataset provides a breakdown of the City of Boston's efforts to fund Community-based Organizations that do violence prevention, intervention, and recovery work within the City. It highlights the different cabinets/bureaus/departments that offer funding related to community violence prevention, the funded organizations and programs, the amount of funding that the city has offered, and the ways to get in contact with each of the funded organizations.

[**Black Male Advancement Resource Guide:**](#) The BMA Resource Guide provides a centralized location for City of Boston services for Black men, boys and families.



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OUR PROGRAMS

Black Men and Boys Commission: BMBC Subcommittees have each met with Economic Opportunity, Workers Empowerment, Boston Public Schools, Housing, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Office of Returning Citizens, Senior Advisor for Community Safety, Boston Public Health Commission and Human Service Cabinets. BMA will host regular working sessions with each Cabinet and invite Commission members to join on a quarterly basis.

My Brother's Keeper Boston: The MBK Alliance ensures a greater degree of access to resources (material and financial) that become available to communities that have fully completed the process. Additionally, full completion positions MBK Boston to be able to better build our national MBK Network with in-person convening options.

Project Opportunity is an initiative that creates equitable opportunities for Boston residents with CORIs. The program connects residents with free legal consultation for sealing or expunging records, has panel discussions to address challenges and solutions for residents with CORIs, connects residents with employment and training resources, connects residents with key resources for well-being, trains City departments to meet the needs of residents with CORIS. Through this initiative the office of Black Male Advancement created an all-inclusive/one-stop resource guide and webpage that includes all City of Boston-led quality-of-life improvement resources. In addition we hosted a CORI friendly job and resource fair in partnership with MassHire which included 35 employers and resources, resume review and support, job application assistance, digital business cards, and free headshots.

Community Empowerment Small Grants: BMA along with Mayor Michelle Wu will be awarding funding to community based organizations totaling \$500,000. These grants, ranging from \$5,000 to \$20,000, aim to empower Black male-serving community-based organizations and amplify their impact in alignment with 7 core priorities (mentoring and out of school time, youth pathways, housing mobility, economic mobility & wealth building, workforce, fatherhood engagement, wellness). These grants will empower community organizations that serve Black men across Boston's neighborhoods to deepen their impact and bring successful programming to scale.



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OUR PROGRAMS CONT.

[R.E.A.C.H. 1000](#): BMA is working in partnership with BPS to connect young people with a network of individuals and organizations that serve as mentors. To support the first iteration of this program, BMA is looking to recruit 1,000 adult mentors over the next two years to connect with participating BPS students. As part of R.E.A.C.H. 1000, schools and mentees will have access to the following programs and learning opportunities: Black studies through dual enrollment; financial literacy; reading literacy, digital literacy; college and career pathways; and Generational Talent Small Grant. Mentees will also have an opportunity to engage with an Opportunity Lab, tailored for BPS Black seniors. The Lab will offer expert level technical support to scholars with their post secondary level plans, including higher education and careers.

[Capacity Building & Impact Institute](#): This initiative will allow CBOs servicing the Black Male Community in Boston, to receive 1 on 1 coaching, nonprofit training courses, expert tools, & resources to help raise funds, maximize impact, and build capacity. The pilot cohort will consist of CBO'S with proven or promising programs that share our core values and are highly aligned with our strategies, goals and approaches to deepen their impact or bring their work to scale.



Commission on Black Men & Boys

The Commission was established through a 2021 ordinance and is made up of 21-Black males with experience, knowledge and expertise on issues pertaining to Black men and boys in the City of Boston. The Commission serves as an advisory board for the Mayor’s Office of Black Male Advancement, including determining budget and policy priorities.

The Commission seeks to study the social conditions of the city’s Black men and boys, develop strategies to remedy or assist in remedying serious adversities, and make recommendations to create equal opportunity for education, employment, access to public accommodations, and fair housing, significantly improving the life trajectory, physical, mental, economic and emotional wellness of generations of Black men and boys in the City of Boston.

Recent Commission Meetings

- Community Listening Sessions
- Monthly Commission Meetings
- Bi-monthly Subcommittee Meetings
- Affordable Housing and Pathways to Homeownership Subcommittee meeting (MOH & BPDA)
- Economic Opportunity & Worker’s Empowerment Subcommittee meeting (OEOI & OWE)
- Education and Youth Advancement Subcommittee meeting (BPS & OYEA)
- Public Health & Wellness and Fatherhood and Families Subcommittee meeting (BPHC)
- Community Safety & Returning Citizens Subcommittee meeting (OHS, OCS, OR

Commission Members

Tito Jackson, <i>Chair</i>	Louis Elisa	Joseph Feaster Jr.	Kurt Faustin	Darien Johnson
James Mackey, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Jeff Similien	Abdullah Beckett	Tony Richards	Imari Paris Jeffries
Matt Parker, <i>Vice Chair</i>	James Hills	Tony Brewer	Andre Barbour	Charlie Titus
Devin Morris	Kurt Faustin	Piter Brandao	Richard Harris	Brian Worrell, <i>ex-officio</i>

Budget Recommendations



Based on community listening sessions, monthly Commission meetings, previously shared 2023-2024 policy recommendations, working sessions with various city agencies, and meetings with Mayor Michelle Wu, the Black Men and Boys Commission recommends the following FY 25 budget proposals to address systemic barriers and improve outcomes for Black men and boys in Boston.



Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
My Brothers Keeper (MBK) Boston program funds- transfer from Boston Public Schools budget to BMA	Office of Black Male Advancement	Program Fund	\$358,933.00
BMA equity study to assess, quantify, and evaluate the prevalence, significance (degree and weight) and scope of inequities in the City of Boston, if any, against Black men and boys. The equity study will help lead the effort to better assess and address equitable access and outcomes by optimizing and evaluating programs and initiatives, identifying opportunity gaps and ensuring effective data processes. We will use the information from this study to create a data and evidence dashboard	Office of Black Male Advancement	Contract	\$800,000.00
BMA program methodology and evaluation; and strategic plan	Office of Black Male Advancement	Contract	\$200,000.00
Subtotals:			*\$1,358,933.00

**Please note this subtotal reflects an increase to the Office of Black Male Advancement's FY 24 funding level.*

Affordable Housing & Pathways to Homeownership

Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
Issue a Request for Proposal for a fund to provide pre-development capital for Black developers	Office of Housing	Program fund	\$500,000.00
Expand down payment assistance for anti-displacement first generation homebuyers	Office of Housing	Program fund	\$400,000.00
We propose a feasibility study to establish anti-displacement first generation homeownership opportunities through access to a voucher program for homebuyers affected by the benefits cliff.	Office of Housing	Program fund	\$100,000.00
Sub-total			\$1,000,000.00

Economic Opportunity & Workers Empowerment



Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
Additional capacity for a financial empowerment program and outreach for Black families	Center for Working Families	Program fund	\$200,000.00
Additional capacity to recruit Black men for and identify high value career training program opportunities	Office of Workforce Development	Program fund	\$200,000.00
Additional capacity to coordinate trainings and apprenticeships for Black males through BCYF, ABCD, and youth career development centers	Office of Youth Employment and Opportunity	Program fund	\$100,000.00
Enhance support for technical assistance for Black entrepreneurs	Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion	Program fund	\$500,000.00
Sub-total			\$1,000,000.00

Education & Youth Advancement



Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
Support for student and family empowerment and restorative justice task forces	Boston Public Schools Division of Student Support	Program fund	\$100,000.00
Enhancing social emotional supports	Boston Public Schools Division of Student Support	Contract	\$200,000.00
Support for enhancing student literacy	Boston Public Schools Division of Student Support	Contract	\$500,000.00
Expanding program support for diverse teacher recruitment & retention	Boston Public Schools - RCD & OHC	Contract	\$200,000.00
Sub-total			\$1,000,000.00

Public Health & Wellness; Fatherhood & Families



Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
Additional capacity to support health equity education and outreach for Black men and boys	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$200,000.00
Additional capacity to support focus on Black fathers in the Father Friendly Initiative	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$200,000.00
Additional capacity to support substance abuse and recovery for Black men	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$100,000.00
Mental health and wellness support of Black men and boys	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$500,000.00
Sub-total			\$1,000,000.00

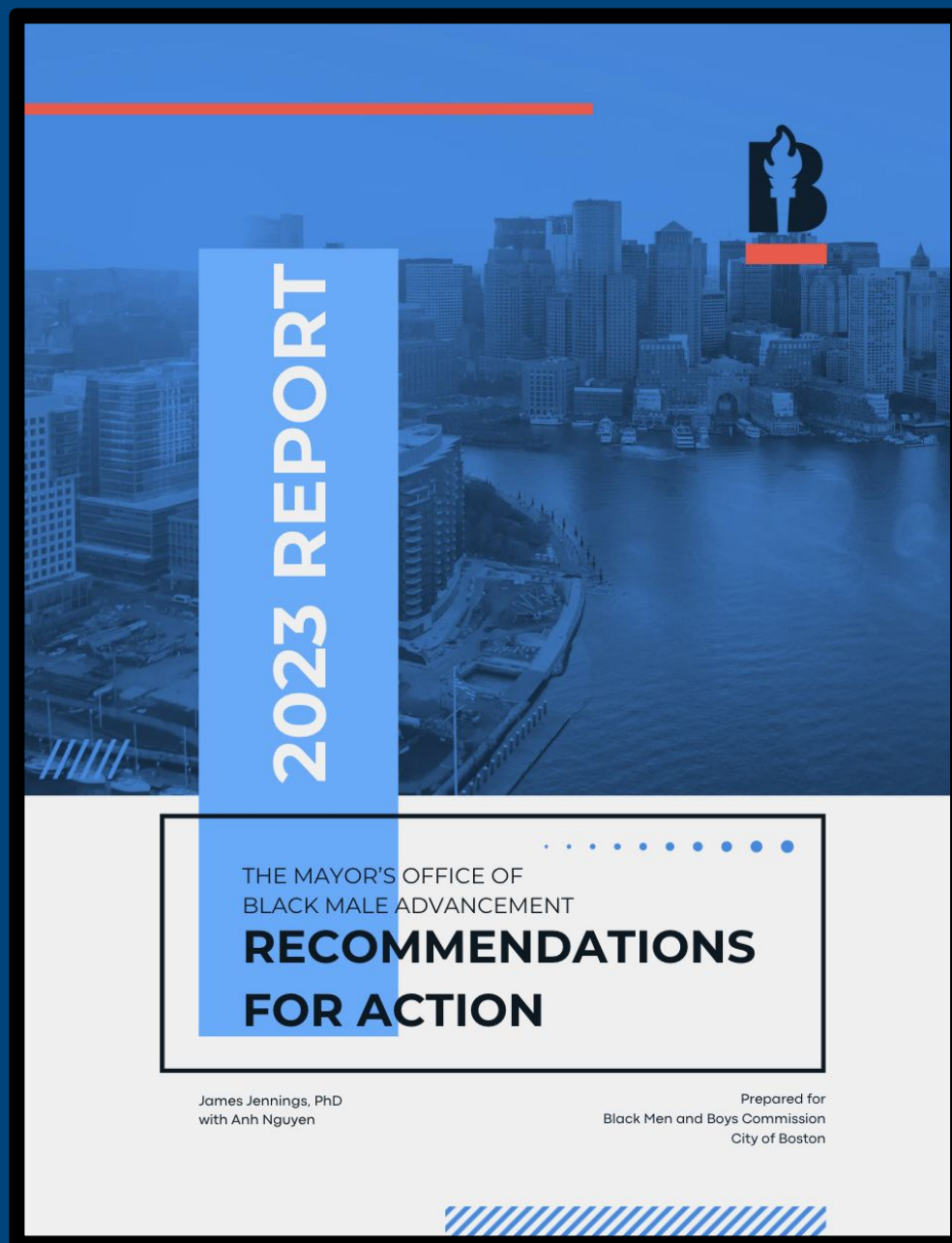
Community Safety & Returning Citizens



Brief Description	Department	Budget Proposal	FY25 Budget
Additional support for transitional housing for Black men	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$200,000.00
Community based violence prevention program	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$800,000.00
Restore Community Ambassador or similar outreach model	Boston Public Health Commission	Program fund	\$1,000,000.00
Sub-total			\$2,000,000.00

BMA Report:

Recommendations for Action



City of Boston
Black Male
Advancement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY¹

On June 16, 2021, Mayor Michelle Wu issued An Ordinance Creating a Commission on Black Men and Boys. As noted on the city's website, "The OBMA works to empower Black men and boys. We want to ensure they have equitable access to opportunities in the city. As part of our work, we focus on policies, programs, resources, and local and national partnerships."² The Commission was established based on a 2021 Ordinance sponsored by At-Large City Councilor Julia Mejia and signed by former Mayor Kim Janey. Former City Councilor and current Chair of the Commission Tito Jackson was the original sponsor of this legislation. On February 2, 2022, Mayor Wu appointed Mr. Frank Farrow as Executive Director of Mayor's Office of Black Male Advancement (OBMA).³

Based on earlier reports and best practices identified in the field this review proposes twenty action steps that could serve as initiatives to improve the quality of life for Black men and boys. This review is framed by the Mayor's Executive Order cited above.⁴ The methodology for this Report included a review of select national and local literature focusing on the status of Black men and boys. Public documents pertaining to the status of Black males in Boston were reviewed. Meetings with staff and the Commission also informed the Report, as did a review of social, demographic, economic, and education data.

Five components or guideposts form a framework for considering action steps leading to effective strategies to improve the lives of Black men and boys. They must be based on

- culturally empowering and assets-based approaches;
- directly or indirectly linked to economic empowerment;
- designed to take advantage of collaborative partnerships;
- reflect a realistic balance between such and the need for resources to build organizational capacities related to the implementation and assessment of impacts;
- collection of data and information and its analysis must reflect significant and sustained participation of Black men and boys served by initiatives.

These five components are discussed in greater detail in the Report.

¹ This Report was prepared by James Jennings, PhD., Professor Emeritus of Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning at Tufts University. He was assisted by Anh Nguyen, a highly respected community and civic activist in Boston with extensive entrepreneurial and small business experiences. She is the former Executive Director of Bowdoin-Geneva Main Streets. The author also wishes to acknowledge Dr. Carline Pignato, a long-time Boston educator for sharing insights about the topic.

² <https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement#black-men-and-boys-commission>.

³ Former Mayor Martin Walsh established My Brother's Keeper Boston in collaboration with the national My Brother's Keeper founded by President Barack Obama in 2014.

⁴ Two sections of the Executive Order are particularly germane to this Report: Section "D. Designing projects and programs that promote equity for Black men and boys which are not currently being implemented by existing city agencies;" and Section "J. Producing reports pertaining to the work of the Commission and the progress of the city and the community to advance the status of Black men and boys."

Based on the guideposts above, **six areas for attention and actions** are identified, including:



- 01 Training and Opportunities to Increase Entrepreneurship, Financial Acumen, and Homeownership
- 02 Workforce and Local Economic Development
- 03 Stronger Connections with Public Health and Public Safety
- 04 Greater Involvement with Civic Engagement and Community Organizing
- 05 Targeted Connections with Boston Public Schools
- 06 Identifying and Eliminating CORI Obstacles to Economic Mobility.

Twenty next action steps are organized by the above categories. And for each category potential sectors for initiating partnerships and related activities are listed. A broad strategy for moving forward would include OBMA reviewing and vetting the proposed next action steps in terms of short or long-term priorities; necessary refinement; resources needed; key actors to be involved; how to measure if adopted; and time for implementation. Its findings would be presented to the Commission for further discussion and decisions. The OBMA and the Commission would then sponsor meetings to collaborate with key actors involved with specific next action steps.

The twenty next action steps should be planned collaboratively. OBMA should not be unrealistically expected to play a sole role in adopting and implementing the proposed action steps. But it can play a critical and facilitative role, what some refer to as a “backbone organization” or “anchor organization” in corralling resources and helping the city and agencies to implement some of the proposed next action steps. It is proposed that a 2-year period for prioritizing and implementing and assessing adopted action steps would be appropriate.

→ To read [full report](https://boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement), visit boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement (under “Resources” click on “BMA Report: Recommendations for Action”)

NEXT QUARTER PREVIEW

- **BMA Hiring Fair**
- **Community Empowerment Grant Announcement**
- **Black Men & Boys Commission Community Updates**
- **Black History Month Events**
- **Office of BMA Empowerment Summit**



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City of Boston
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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FOUR

**HOME RULE PETITION
Maximum Age Requirement**

WHEREAS, Paul O'Brien is 47 years old, was born and raised in Dorchester, now resides in Hyde Park, and has spent 11 years working with Boston Emergency Medical Services. Paul O'Brien has taken the Civil Service Exam multiple times in the past, one time receiving a score of 97; *and*

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Brien feels that he would be an excellent candidate for the position of a Boston Police Officer because of his experience and many years working with Boston EMS, working closely with Boston Police, his interpersonal skills, and his ability to connect with people, remain calm under pressure, and de-escalate tension; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (II), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:
AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF BOSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE
MAXIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICERS FOR PAUL O'BRIEN**

Section 1.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including the provisions of Chapter 43 of the Acts of 2007, the City of Boston Police Department shall waive the maximum age requirement for original appointment of police officers for Paul O'Brien. If Paul O'Brien meets all other requirements set forth by the Boston Police Department, he shall be eligible to have his name certified for original appointment to the position of police officer.

Section 2.

The provisions of this act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

Filed in the City Council on: February 7, 2024



**City Of Boston • Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu**

02-02-2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$60,000.00)** in the form of a grant, Youth Engagement and Advancement, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Off of Youth Engagement & Adv.

The grant would fund a development series with ongoing workshops for youth workers to learn skills and strategies to become more effective in their positions. The funds will also be used towards the Mayor's Youth Summit.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order so that the City of Boston may accept the funds expeditiously and expend them upon award for the purposes for which they are granted.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



City Council Order

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND Youth Engagement and Advancement FUNDS, AWARDED BY Boston Children's Hospital.

WHEREAS, the Boston Children's Hospital, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the Off of Youth Engagement & Adv; and

WHEREAS, the funds in the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$60,000.00)** would fund a development series with ongoing workshops for youth workers to learn skills and strategies to become more effective in their positions. The funds will also be used towards the Mayor's Youth Summit. Therefore be it

ORDERED: that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the Boston Children's Hospital, Youth Engagement and Advancement award not to exceed the amount of SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS **(\$60,000.00)**.

Docket # _____

**In City Council
Passed** _____

City Clerk

Mayor

Approved _____

I hereby certify that
the foregoing, if passed in
the above form, will be in
accordance with law.

by Adam Cederbaum

Adam Cederbaum
Corporation Counsel



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

January 29, 2024

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School, Murphy K-8 School; the Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies and the priority category for which the City of Boston may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

Priority 5 – Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statement of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR KENNY ELEMENTARY, O'DONNELL ELEMENTARY, ADAMS ELEMENTARY, CHITTICK ELEMENTARY, EVERETT ELEMENTARY, GARDNER PILOT ACADEMY, LYNDON ELEMENTARY, AND MURPHY K-8

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to March 1, 2024 the City Council of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before March 1, 2024 for the following schools in the Massachusetts School Building Authority's Accelerated Repair Program:

Schools	Address	Scope	City	State	Zip
Kenny Elementary School	19 Oakton Avenue	Roof	Dorchester	MA	02122
O'Donnell Elementary School	33 Trenton Street	Roof	East Boston	MA	02128
Adams Elementary School	163 Webster Street	Window/Doors	East Boston	MA	02128
Chittick Elementary School	154 Ruskindale Road	Window/Doors	Hyde Park	MA	02136
Everett Elementary School	71 Pleasant Street	Window/Doors	Dorchester	MA	02125
Gardner Pilot Academy	30 Athol Street	Window/Doors	Allston	MA	02134
Lyndon Elementary School	20 Mount Vernon Street	Window/Doors	West Roxbury	MA	02132
Murphy K-8 School	1 Worrell Street	Window/Doors	Dorchester	MA	02122

The Statements of Interest for the facilities listed above describes deficiencies submitted under Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

The City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND UPDATE OF THE BOSTON E.M.S. SERVICE ZONE PLAN

- WHEREAS*, Chapter 111C of the General Laws governs the provision of emergency medical services (EMS) throughout Massachusetts, requiring cities and towns to submit comprehensive service zone plans to the Department of Public Health (DPH) defining the utilization and coordination of EMS resources; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Boston EMS is the designated primary ambulance service provider for the City of Boston, and its service zone plan, approved in September 2007, has undergone updates in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014, and 2016 to adopt revised response time goals, reflect evolving capacity, and to improve service delivery; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Boston EMS is one of the country's oldest providers of pre-hospital patient care and traces its history to the Boston City Hospital Ambulance Service, transporting its first patient in 1892 as a division of the Department of Health and Hospitals until it became a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission, created by the Boston Public Health Act of 1995 [*St. 1995, c. 147, § 6(j)*]; *and*
- WHEREAS*, Coordinating EMS delivery for over 2 million residents in 61 cities and towns, the Metropolitan Boston EMS Council (EMS Region IV) supports the development of service zone plans, reviews completed plans, and, pursuant to 105 CMR 170.550, works with communities to keep approved plans up-to-date; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The City of Boston has seen substantial growth in its population and built environment since initial approval of the service zone plan, indicated by decennial census data enumerating 589,141 residents in 2000, 617,594 residents in 2010, and 675,647 residents in 2020, a nearly 15 percent increase over 20 years; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The Boston EMS Service Zone Plan states that the plan will be reviewed at least annually, recognizing the need for stakeholder input to accurately reflect ongoing changes and refinement in the delivery of EMS services, inventory of resources, and a plan for optimal coordination and utilization of those resources; *and*
- WHEREAS*, The 20th anniversary of the statutory requirement for service zone plans is approaching, making it timely to comprehensively review emergency medical services in response to the city's continuous growth; *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT*
- ORDERED*: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss a comprehensive review and update of the Boston EMS Service Zone Plan and that representatives of Boston EMS, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Metropolitan Boston EMS Council, the EMS Division of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association, partner agencies, receiving facilities, and interested members of the public be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 5, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE GOALS AND PRIORITIES OF CITY OF BOSTON'S OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

WHEREAS: The City of Boston has a substantial and diverse veterans population, with more than 13,000 veterans residing in Boston, according to the most recent U.S. Census data; *and*

WHEREAS: Veterans and military families have proudly served our country and earned their benefits from our city, state, and federal governments; *and*

WHEREAS: Our veterans community is diverse, and with varied needs. It is therefore important to ensure that there are services and resources catered to the unique needs of different groups, such as returning veterans, women veterans, LGBTQ+ veterans, and homeless veterans, and more; *and*

WHEREAS: We need to ensure that our VAs have the appropriate counseling services for returning veterans, gender specific healthcare for our women veterans, respectful healthcare providers for our LGBTQ+ veterans, housing services for our homeless veterans, and other catered services; *and*

WHEREAS: Boston has one of the best departments in the country that support our veterans and military families. The City of Boston's Office of Veterans Services work closely with our veterans and military families to connect them to resources and services that they have earned, and they also work closely with our state and federal partners to empower and support our veterans and military families; *and*

WHEREAS: Aside from service referrals, the Office of Veterans Services also know firsthand the gaps in service that need to be addressed, ways to better serve our veterans in need, and areas of policy that should be amended; *and*

WHEREAS: In order to provide the appropriate services to veterans with different needs, we need to ensure that our Office of Veterans Services have the resources they need to perform their work in supporting our veterans, and to carry out their goals and priorities; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss resources available to veterans and military families through Boston's Veteran Services, as well as their goals and priorities for this year and beyond. Representatives from the City of Boston's Veterans Services and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

- WHEREAS:** Ensuring the smooth operation and safety of our city streets is one of the most important issues facing our city, as transportation is not only about getting residents from one place to another efficiently, but it also touches upon pedestrian safety, access to opportunities, and resiliency; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Transportation planning is therefore a critical undertaking from the city, and the configuration of our streets can have deep impact on the quality of life and safety of our residents; *and*
- WHEREAS:** There have been major transportation planning and street redesign projects in various neighborhoods across the city in recent years, including State Street near the Wharf District, both Berkeley Street and Copley Connect in Back Bay, Tremont Street in the South End, the Summer Street Bus Pilot in the South Boston Waterfront, among others; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Many constituents, businesses, and neighborhood civic associations have expressed concerns about the community process for these street redesigns, with many noting that there is a general lack of any in-person community meetings or communication about changes, and some not knowing planned changes after it was announced. Many also felt that their voices were not heard, and that the outcome of the redesign have already been decided before public input was heard; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Residents and local businesses who live in a neighborhood and pay taxes should have a say in what takes place there, gets changed, and piloted in the community. The institutional knowledge, lived experience, and feedback of residents in the City of Boston and our civic organizations is critical, and should be seriously considered before any decisions are made; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Aside from street redesigns, at the same time, our neighborhoods see an increase in the usage of mopeds, electric scooters up to 25 miles per hour, and other micro-mobility devices from third party delivery drivers and residents which do not require licenses and can pose safety challenges, speeding along streets often through stop signs and red lights, or the wrong way, and sometimes navigating between vehicles. The emergence of this new mode of transportation also need planning from the city; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Planning and Development Agency need to have robust discussions and community meetings in the neighborhoods of Boston as they engage in roadway redesign and traffic planning, and they need to take into account the institutional knowledge and feedback from those who will be most impacted; *and*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss transportation planning and the community engagement process. Representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, neighborhood associations, as well as other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to attend.

Filed on: February 14, 2024



OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A MEETING TO REVIEW THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL RULES

WHEREAS: The Rules of the Boston City Council are a set of rules that set parliamentary procedure during Boston City Council Meetings, as well as expectations for Council, staff, and public conduct during the City Council meeting and other Council committee events; *and*

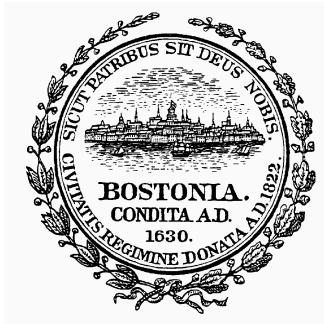
WHEREAS: The City Council votes to adopt these rules at the beginning of each Council Presidency, with the most recent Rules adopted in January of 2024 by unanimous vote; *and*

WHEREAS: In order to run meetings most effectively, it is helpful that each member of the Boston City Council is familiar with the updated Boston City Council Rules, and all regulations regarding procedure and conduct outlined and adopted by this body; **NOW,**
THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a meeting to review the Boston City Council Rules.

Filed on: February 14, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR SHARON DURKAN



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF A CITY WIDE MERCHANDISE LICENSING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Boston is a world class city, celebrated throughout the world, for our rich history, diverse neighborhoods, and legacy of arts, culture, and education; *and*

WHEREAS, Iconic symbols and logos connected to the City of Boston hold no license and may currently be reproduced by any entity; *and*

WHEREAS, Many cities, including New York, engage in licensing merchandise, which involves granting permission to use the city's branding on products such as apparel, souvenirs, and accessories; *and*

WHEREAS, The Citywide Merchandise Licensing Program in New York City has been successful in generating revenue through licensing rights for various iconic brands associated with the city, annual licensing sales exceeded \$24M in revenue in 2009; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensed merchandise featuring iconic Boston symbols, landmarks, and neighborhoods would foster a sense of pride among residents and visitors and offer a way for people to express their connection to the city; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensing agreements for City-branded merchandise would allow the City of Boston to earn revenue through royalties and/or fees, and when a licensed business creates and sells City of Boston-themed merchandise (such as T-shirts, hoodies, mugs, or souvenirs), the proceeds could benefit public goods and services via support to City of Boston departments; *and*

WHEREAS, As a popular tourist destination, City of Boston licensed merchandise would provide tourists with a tangible memento of their visit and a last reminder to visit again; *and*

WHEREAS, Licensing encourages local businesses to participate in the production and sale of branded merchandise, which stimulates economic activity, creates jobs, and supports small businesses within the city; *and*

WHEREAS, When people wear or use Boston-branded merchandise, it acts as free advertising, advancing interest in the city, its culture, attractions and thereby contributing to Boston's brand visibility on a global scale; *and*

WHEREAS, Merchandise licensing presents the opportunity to collaborate with local artists, designers, and creators whose involvement would only serve to further community connections and celebrate the City's creative talent; *and*

WHEREAS, Well managed licensing would be needed to carefully maintain the integrity of the brand and ensure that the merchandise aligns with Boston's image and values, and cities around the country have proven that careful construction of a brand allows for continued production to remain authentic; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the relevant City departments including the Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, and those staff who work in the vein of small business, entrepreneurship, and the innovation economy should come before the City Council to discuss the potential for licensing City of Boston merchandise and evaluate the appropriate measures needed for the drafting of a request for proposal (RFP).



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

HEARING ORDER TO DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF BPS PROVIDING ESOL CLASSES FOR PARENTS

WHEREAS, According to the Boston Public School website 17,000 students, which is 32% of all BPS students, are described as English Learners, meaning they are native of a language other than English, and that they are not yet sufficiently proficient yet sufficiently proficient in English to perform in pedagogical settings in which English is the primary language; *and*

WHEREAS, With $\frac{1}{3}$ of the student population being English learners, one can surmise that the parents of said population is profound, and is likely even greater than the 32% figure sighted; *and*

WHEREAS, This problematic state of affairs leads totens of thousands of parents and guardians BPS being unable to fully engage in the nuances that constitute accessing and understanding what comprises the totality of their children's educational experience; *and*

WHEREAS, In order to create the conditions of diversity, equity, and inclusion, it is vital that our ESOL parents have access to English classes where they can grow their English language skills to better engage in their children's education; *and*

WHEREAS, Several nonprofits are currently engaged in this powerful work, including English for New Bostonians, where, in partnership with preschools, elementary schools, and one high school, their ESOL for parents program helps parents and guardians with their children's education at home, while also assisting them with goals of career advancement for themselves; *and*

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, (the BCNC) offers a free English class for parents and caregivers of K-12 children in BPS, with said class being funded by English for New Bostonians; *and*

WHEREAS, There is an opportunity to consolidate the work already being done by our robust nonprofits under the BPS umbrella, which would greatly broaden the scope of said offerings and make them more readily available to the thousands of parents and guardians that are in need of them: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing with the appropriate members of the administration, BPS, relevant nonprofits and community organizations, such as English for New Bostonians, ABCD, and others, as well as English language learner parents, guardians, and students to discuss the feasibility of BPS providing ESOL classes to parents.

Filed on February 14th, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING CURRENT BAIL POLICIES IN LOCAL JAILS

WHEREAS, Since the Mayoral administration commenced sweeps in the area known as Mass & Cass, community advocates have reported that people have been sent directly to jail without being processed through precincts; *and*

WHEREAS, Constituents and activists have reported pursuant to the central booking process has been initiated without proper announcements, leading to cascading levels of confusion; *and*

WHEREAS, A plethora of people have been sent to both South Bay Jail and Nashua Street Jail, and community activists claim robust challenges have arisen regarding proper channels of communication and information verification at Nashua Street Jail; *and*

WHEREAS, If these claims are accurate, said process is particularly problematic, as bail would not be set for individuals being sent directly to jail, hence impacting their right to due process; *and*

WHEREAS, Constituents have also reported that there has been an ongoing series of delays in calling clerks into the jails, leaving people without access to bail, and that there has been a dearth regarding the provision of medical care within the jails; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a need to discuss these unsatisfactory reports pertaining to the lack of bail and inadequate medical care calls upon to inquire about these ongoing problematic processes, hence creating the conditions of next steps that may include a tour by councilors of the facilities under discussion, as well as an ascertaining of details pertaining to the current check-in procedures; *and*

WHEREAS, The City Council recognizes the importance of seeking comprehensive information on key metrics related to fairness in the treatment of individuals,

including considerations of race, class, gender, and health conditions, particularly those who have died in custody or under mysterious circumstances; *and*

WHEREAS, There is a crucial need for a thorough examination of the existing standards of treatment for individuals in detention, and a pressing concern regarding the reported lack of accountability or connection to expected service provisions;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council conduct a comprehensive hearing on the existing bail and medical policies implemented in local jails. The committee shall extend invitations to administration officials, leadership representatives from South Bay Jail and Nashua St. Jail, impacted constituents, concerned citizens, and relevant community stakeholders, including organizations such as the Mass Bail Fund.

Filed on February 14, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS WAYS TO EQUITABLY FIGHT CLIMATE DISPLACEMENT IN DISTRICT 7

WHEREAS, Black, brown, and working class communities have historically dealt with environmental racism and its interconnected class inequities; *and*

WHEREAS, This has resulted in children being exposed to lead tainted drinking water due to the widespread presence of lead water lines, leading to disparate asthma rates, dense patterns of development, a comparative lack of green space, race and class based zoning laws, pathetically low levels of tree canopies, and more; *and*

WHEREAS, Multiple local media reports have indicated the risk of lead exposure through lead water lines, and which is particularly dangerous for young children, pregnant women and breastfeeding moms; *and*

WHEREAS, Black children are twice as likely to have elevated blood lead levels compared to white children; *and*

WHEREAS, The state of Massachusetts only banned lead water pipes in 1989, and all water lines in Roxbury residences constructed prior to that date should be considered as having lead unless proven otherwise; *and*

WHEREAS, The state of Massachusetts received over \$100 million from the federal government in 2022 and 2023 for removal of lead service lines; *and* furthermore, access to lead free water should be a right, not a privilege; *and*

WHEREAS, The population of children aged 0-5 in Roxbury(10.4%) is double the city average (5.0%). Lead exposure at such a young age can have serious consequences for both individual development and neighborhood stability (via higher crime rates); *and*

WHEREAS, Additionally, parts of Roxbury and the South End are woefully lacking in tree canopy, leading to oppressive heat and an increase in air pollution, which

in turn, increases the asthma rates of residents;*and*

WHEREAS, Boston schools 33.3% of our Latino students have asthma, 32.2% of Asian students have asthma, and 28.2% of Black students have asthma, but a comparatively lower number of 13% of all Boston residents have asthma, meaning that the porous environmental conditions lived in by a significant number of the people of color in Boston is surely an integral component of said disparity

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that access to nature preserves trees, and other eco-friendly and environmentally sustainable initiatives are essential to both the mental and physical health of the residents who access them; *and*

WHEREAS, In 2014, approximately 10.4% of Boston's children aged 0-5 lived in Roxbury and parts of Roxbury are often as much 10 degrees warmer in the summer than in neighboring Jamaica Plain, which has superior tree cover, arboretums, ponds, and the like; *and*

WHEREAS, Living in areas awash with green spaces is associated with higher levels of happiness, cognitive development, and pedagogical outcomes; *and*

WHEREAS, We know that such green spaces tend to be concentrated in wealthier and whiter sectors of the city and state, while elevated lead levels tend to be found areas that are predominantly Black, brown, and working class again bringing to mind that environmental justice, is, at its essence, also race and class justice; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the pertinent committee of the Boston City Council convene a formal hearing involving key members of the administration, individuals affected by the persisting manifestations of environmental injustice, experts in the field—including representatives environmental health organizations/agencies such as the MA. chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MAACP), Clean Water Action and reputable non-profit organizations such as Speak For The Trees—and other stakeholders to collaboratively address and strategize against environmental racism prevalent in Roxbury and other parts of Boston.

Filed on February 14, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS PRIORITIZING EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT BY EXPLORING FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS TO CLEAN PARCELS PRIOR TO ACQUISITION IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston recognizes the imperative to revitalize and develop vacant parcels within marginalized communities in Roxbury; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Data and statistics reveal a stark pattern of historical disparities in investment, perpetuating systemic inequities in Roxbury, MA; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The persistent blight on vacant parcels in Roxbury is not merely a localized issue but one deeply entrenched, exacerbating environmental concerns and impeding land surveying efforts prior to development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The disproportionate impact of financial barriers on marginalized communities in Roxbury underscores the urgency to break the cycle of disinvestment and create avenues for equitable development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Recognizing the critical link between addressing the financial constraints faced by Roxbury parcel owners and fostering community-driven development is paramount for rectifying historical inequities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The absence of a mechanism to address these financial barriers results in blighted parcels, perpetuating a cycle of disinvestment and hindering community development; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is a pressing need for a comprehensive program allocating funds to address environmental issues, remediate, and survey vacant parcels in Roxbury before their transfer to abutters or developers and to establish a program that allocates city funds to clean and ready parcels for transfer, sale, or rental to abutters or developers, with a specific focus on marginalized communities historically disinvested or disenfranchised; *and*

WHEREAS, Such a program will contribute to the revitalization of blighted areas, stimulate economic growth, and foster equitable development within marginalized communities: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: The City Council shall convene a hearing to address the historic inequities and financial barriers faced by parcel owners in Roxbury, specifically focusing on the impact of blighted parcels on the community. Such hearings should examine statistics related to disinvestment, vacant parcels, and environmental concerns in Roxbury and explore the potential benefits of a city-funded program designed to clean, remediate, and survey vacant parcels in Roxbury before their transfer, sale, or rental to abutters or developers. Representatives from the Administration and Roxbury community, as well as environmental justice advocates, and experts in urban development shall be invited to attend and participate.

FILED: February 14, 2024



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONGESTION PRICING IN BOSTON

- WHEREAS,** The City of Boston is a popular destination and tourist site, as well as a place where vast numbers of vehicles enter into the City, at times negatively impacting the quality of life of Boston residents; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Numerous constituents have voiced concerns over the narrowing of streets, due to added bus and bike lanes as well as the rise in vehicular traffic. n Furthermore, the placement of buses in the center of streets exacerbates traffic by restricting space for cars and trucks to maneuver effectively; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Narrow and congested streets pose challenges for emergency ambulances navigating already congested areas; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The implementation of congestion pricing is under consideration as a measure to alleviate traffic congestion and improve air quality in urban areas; *and*
- WHEREAS,** There is a need to understand and address the potential differential impacts of congestion pricing on various segments of the population, particularly underserved communities; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Underserved communities with vulnerable populations, such as low-income residents, seniors, and individuals with disabilities, may face unique challenges and opportunities regarding transportation accessibility and affordability; *and*
- WHEREAS,** It is essential to gather insights, perspectives, and concerns from various stakeholders to ensure that any congestion pricing initiatives benefit the community and minimize adverse impacts; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Congestion pricing is just such a possible mechanism that is in the process of possible utilization in parts of New York and New Jersey, showing itself to be a prospective viable option for implementation within Boston ; *and*

WHEREAS, In Manhattan, NYC, the Traffic Mobility Review Board delivered a report to Metropolitan Transportation Authority of its positive nature, and the MTA says that congestion pricing, if implemented, would help raise millions of dollars for the MTA to utilize for upkeep, repair and maintenance; *and*

WHEREAS, The Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul, voiced her approval of the plan, saying that it would help facilitate processes that would lead to cleaner air, better transit, and a reduction of traffic and gridlock on city streets; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston, like New York City, hosts a great deal of drivers into our city and while this can be a boon to sectors of the economy, it can also function to disturb residents, increase traffic, as well as the prevalence of accidents; *and*

WHEREAS, A set fee placed on drivers of various vehicles could bring money and resources toward other elements of the community, reduce traffic, increase transit use and improve air quality, creating environmentally and eco-friendly solutions, as well as functioning as a tangible solution for those feeling preyed upon and thinking that the city is not hearing their feedback: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to address the potential effects of implementing congestion pricing on an underserved community with a vulnerable population within the city of Boston. Such hearing should include presentations on the proposed congestion pricing scheme, community impact assessments, stakeholder perspectives, etc. Representatives from the Streets Cabinet as well as community leaders, advocates and and other relevant stakeholders shall be invited to attend and participate to ensure that the concerns and interests of the underserved community are adequately represented and addressed in any future congestion pricing decision-making process.

FILED: February 14, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR TANIA FERNANDES ANDERSON



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NAME CHANGE OF THE ROXBURY LIBRARY TO THE NUBIAN LIBRARY

WHEREAS, On December 19, 2019, the Public Improvement Commission unanimously approved changing the name of Dudley Square to Nubian Square in lieu of the dastardly actions partaken in by Thomas Dudley, who, as governor, allowed for the passage of laws that permitted slavery, and to recognize and celebrate the fact that the square has long been home to a predominantly Black community; *and*

WHEREAS, Utilizing the moniker of Nubian Square allowed for the moving away from the recognition of someone who's actions helped propel systemic structures of racial supremacy as embodied by enslavement, and allowed for the recognition of an ancient Northeastern African Kingdom, hence acting to honor the African roots of a majority of the denizens of the district; *and*

WHEREAS, However, while the name of the Square was changed, the name of the library remained as the Dudley Square Library, until it was renamed as the Roxbury Library; *and*

WHEREAS, This has been a point of contention among a number of profound and powerful activists and advocates and others from the Nubian Square Coalition; *and*

WHEREAS, It has been observed that all Boston libraries are named after the square in which they are situated, with the exception of the Roxbury Library.; *and*

WHEREAS, During a Boston City Council hearing, community members passionately advocated for the proposed name change, and notably, there was no opposition voiced except from the library staff, who mentioned that only one unidentified business owner expressed opposition; *and*

WHEREAS, Recognition of the support for said name change has been acknowledged far and wide within various sectors of both the library and the administration, with the BPL President once stating “There is recognition of a strong sentiment by Roxbury residents for the Nubian Library name: ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby go on record in strong support of changing the name of the Roxbury Library to the Nubian Library.

Filed on: February 7, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO COMBAT AND PREVENT HUMAN TRAFFICKING

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is a grave violation of human rights, affecting millions worldwide through forced labor, sexual exploitation, and other forms of servitude, and are often the most vulnerable who are coerced, deceived, or abducted into enslavement; *and*

WHEREAS, The complexity of human trafficking necessitates a multidisciplinary approach, involving public awareness, education, victim support, law enforcement training, and legislative action; *and*

WHEREAS, Survivors of human trafficking face significant obstacles in accessing justice, social services, and rehabilitation, further exacerbating their trauma and vulnerability; *and*

WHEREAS, the City of Boston's Collaborative Efforts Against Sexual Exploitation (CEASE) initiative represents an important partnership among law enforcement, non-profit organizations, and community stakeholders, aimed at dismantling networks that profit from sexual exploitation and providing comprehensive support to survivors; *and*

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's Anti-Trafficking (CAT) Task Force has been instrumental in coordinating statewide efforts to combat human trafficking, bringing together a multi-disciplinary team focused on enhancing victim services, improving data collection, and strengthening the legal framework to ensure justice for victims and accountability for perpetrators; *and*

WHEREAS, Although January is recognized as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month, there is no better time than the present to raise awareness about the scourge of human trafficking, educating the public on how to identify and prevent this crime, honoring the resilience of survivors, and reaffirming our commitment to ending human trafficking in all its forms; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council hereby commits to advancing legislation, policies, and programs aimed at eradicating human trafficking, protecting victims, prosecuting offenders, and fostering international and interstate cooperation.

Filed in Council: February 14, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN J. MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHILDREN OF ADDICTION WEEK

WHEREAS, The week of February 11th marks the Children of Addiction Week. This campaign, led by The National Association for Children of Addiction (NACoA), is intended to break the silence, and stigma, around children affected by parental addiction; *and*

WHEREAS, One in four children lives in a family impacted by parental addiction, and these children are the most vulnerable population to develop addiction at some point in their lives. Children of substance abusing parents are more than twice as likely to have a drug and alcohol use disorder by young adulthood as compared to their peers; *and*

WHEREAS, There are serious medical concerns related to this. Children exposed to a parent's substance use commonly experience educational delays and inadequate medical and dental care. Almost a quarter of the children do not receive routine child health maintenance services in their first two years of life and are also at greater risk of later mental health and behavioral problems, including SUD; *and*

WHEREAS, We have an obligation and an opportunity to help break multi-generational cycles of substance use by being informed about the effects of parental substance use on children, intervening when necessary, and collaborating with the family, other health care providers, and appropriate government agencies to address the issues involved; *and*

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED: That the Boston City Council recognizes the week of February 11th, 2024 as Children of Addiction Week in the City of Boston, and work collaboratively to help combat the negative outcomes of these children impacted to help ensure a brighter future for them.

Filed on: February 14, 2024

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BENJAMIN J. WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A NEGOTIATED CEASEFIRE IN GAZA

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council recognizes that its role is generally limited to matters related to the city government of Boston, the Council must come together at this time to call attention to the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza; *and*
- WHEREAS,** On October 7, 2023, Israel was attacked by Hamas, a terrorist organization, which resulted in Hamas killing approximately 1,200 innocent men, women, and children, committing acts of sexual violence, as well as taking over 240 hostages, many of which are still held hostage in Gaza; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In response to the attack of Israel on October 7, the Netanyahu Administration sent military forces into Gaza, which the Health Ministry of Gaza reports has resulted in the deaths of over 27,000 Palestinians, the destruction of approximately 350,000 homes and approximately two-thirds of hospitals in Gaza, and that has forced 85 percent of Gazans out of their homes without safe access to food, water, medical care, or shelter; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This conflict has impacted Boston's Jewish and Palestinian residents who have family or other connections to Israel or Gaza, as well many Boston residents who have been justifiably horrified by the October 7 attack and its aftermath, and there are currently immediate relatives of Massachusetts and Boston residents who are trapped in Gaza, including relatives of Massachusetts residents who are currently being held hostage by Hamas, and wish to leave and be reunited with their families; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Both Palestinians and Israelis have the right to live with freedom and security; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston is a city committed to the health, well being, and equality of all people no matter their nationality or their religion; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council stands against all forms of antisemitism, Islamophobia, or any actions intended to dehumanize Palestinians, Jews, Arabs, or Israelis, and calls upon all Boston residents to respect all individuals' First Amendment right to free speech and peaceful protest, and to treat each other with respect and empathy; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: The Boston City Council expresses compassion for all Bostonians whose lives have been touched by the Israel-Hamas war and reaffirms its commitment to the safety and equality of all Palestinian, Israeli, Muslim and Jewish Bostonians, and

Calls for a negotiated ceasefire by both the Netanyahu Administration and Hamas, including return of all hostages currently being held by Hamas and immediate distribution of humanitarian aid to people living in Gaza.

The Boston City Council calls on the offices of The President of the United States, Joseph Biden, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Ed Markey, Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley, and Congressman Stephen Lynch, to push for a negotiated ceasefire in Gaza, to work for the release of all hostages, to work to assist immediate relatives of Massachusetts families, including Boston residents, to safely depart Gaza, to condition military aid to all nations on compliance with international and human rights law, to push for free and fair elections for Palestinians, and to work to bring Israelis and Palestinians together to begin a peace process so that the events of October 7 and its aftermath are never repeated.

Filed on: February 12, 2024

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY COUNCIL

February 12, 2024

Councilor Louijuene
(Councilor Fernandes Anderson)

ORDERED: That effective Monday, February 19, 2024 the following named person be, and hereby is, appointed to the position set against their name until Friday, February 16, 2024.

BiWeekly Payroll

Joshua Champagne	Secretary	\$1,153.86	part time
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Boston City Council

Legislative Calendar for the Feb. 14, 2024 Session

Sixty Day Orders

The following ordinances, appropriations and/or orders recommended by the Mayor for passage by the City Council become effective after the date specified unless previously acted upon¹

¹Section 17E of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The mayor from time to time may make to the city council in the form of an ordinance or loan order filed with the city clerk such recommendations as he may deem to be for the welfare of the city. The City Council shall consider each ordinance or loan order so presented and shall either adopt or reject the same within sixty days after the date when it is filed as aforesaid. If such ordinance or loan order is not rejected within sixty days, it shall be in force as if adopted by the city council unless previously withdrawn by the mayor.

In effect after April 1, 2024

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.(Docket #0256)

Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston. (Docket #0257)

Unanswered Section 17F Orders²

Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to Boston Emergency Medical Services response times. (Docket #0205)

2 - Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 (as amended):

The city council may at any time request from the mayor specific information on any municipal matter within its jurisdiction, and may request his presence to answer written questions relating thereto at a meeting to be held not earlier than one week from the date of the receipt of said questions, in which case the mayor shall personally, or through a head of a department or a member of a board, attend such meeting and publicly answer all such questions. The person so attending shall not be obliged to answer questions relating to any other matter.

Home Rule Petitions Not Responded to by the Mayor³

³Section 22 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982:

Every order of the city council approving a petition to the general court pursuant to Clause (1) of Section 8 of Article 2 of the amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth shall be presented to the mayor who shall forthwith consider the same, and, within fifteen days of presentation, either approve it, or file with the city council a statement in detail of his reasons for not approving the same, including any objection based on form, on content, or both; provided, that no such order shall be deemed approved or in force unless the mayor affixes his signature thereto.

Matters in Committee

The following matters were previously filed with the City Council and have been referred to a committee. Matters in committee can be brought back before the City Council pursuant to City Council Rule 24. The following *definitions* describe different types of matters in committee:

- Ordinances:*** Local laws enacted by the Boston City Council and the Mayor that become part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Loan Orders:*** Authorization for the City of Boston to incur debt and expend money for projects, purchases, or other obligations.
- Orders:*** Directives that authorize action. Orders are legally binding but are not part of the City Code of Ordinances.
- Home Rule Petitions:*** Requests for special acts that concern a particular municipality. Home Rule Petitions require approval of the Boston City Council and Mayor, as well as passage by the state legislature.
- Order for a Hearing:*** A formal request sponsored by a councilor that a committee of the Boston City Council conduct a hearing about a particular matter, issue, or policy that impacts the City of Boston. An Order for a Hearing is not a law and is not voted on by the City Council. The only action concerning an Order for a Hearing that can be taken at a City Council meeting is the administrative action of placing it on file.
- Legislative Resolution:*** A recommendation concerning policy issues that may urge action on particular matters. Legislative resolutions have no legal effect. Legislative resolutions represent a particular position or statement by a Councilor, Councilors, or the City Council as a whole.

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0100	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant award in the amount not to exceed Two Million Five-Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-Seven Dollars (\$2,562,297) from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, for the construction and management of transportation improvements projects.	8/10/2022		2023 - 0930
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0101	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant from the Federal Highway Administration, through the Massachusetts Departments of Transportation, Highway Division of Seven Million Five Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred dollars (\$7,501,200) to be administered by the Boston Transportation Department and the Boston Public Works Department. This grant is a portion of the design costs for the Sullivan Square/Rutherford Avenue Project.	9/28/2022		2023 - 1166
Post-Audit: Government Accountability, Transparency, & Accessibility	0103	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jaclyn Youngblood as a member of the Audit Committee for a term expiring September 11, 2028.	9/20/2023		2023 - 1488
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0104	Mayor		Message and order confirming the appointment of Nakeeda Burns to the Zoning Commission as a residential organization member for a term expiring October 26, 2026.	10/25/2023		2023 - 1626
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0105	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by the Public Works Department. The grant will fund studies to examine design changes and implement the reconstruction of Blossom Street from Cambridge Street to Charles Street.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1700
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0106	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) in the form of a grant for the MGH-BTD Clinical Building Project Grant, awarded by the Boston Planning & Development Agency to be administered by Policy and Planning in the Transportation Department. The grant will fund transportation studies to examine the design changes and improvements that can be made to Cambridge Street, Blossom, and North Grove/Cambridge Street intersection.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1702

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0107	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Peter Sanborn, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1706
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0108	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1707
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0109	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1708
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0110	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nancy Russell, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1709
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0111	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jim Kutchin, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1710
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0112	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Douglas Miller, as a member of the St. Botolph Architectural Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2026.	11/15/2023		2023 - 1711
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0113	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kevin Ready, as a Member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1750
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0114	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.	11/29/2023		2023 - 1751
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0115	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) in the form of a grant for the BHCCI Connect, Learn & Explore Grant, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund the Boston Healthy Child Care Initiative and the Office of Early Childhood's Connect, Learn and Explore Initiative.	12/13/2023		2023 - 1820

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Whole	0118	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Rafaela Polanco Garca as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0119	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chantal Lima Barbosa as a Member to the Boston School Committee.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0120	Mayor		Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Priscilla MacKenzie "Kenzie" Bok as a Member of the Commemoration Commission.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0121	Mayor		Notice was received from the City Clerk in accordance with Chapter 6 of the Ordinances of 1979 re: action taken by the Mayor on papers acted upon by the City Council at its meeting of December 6, 2023.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0122	Mayor		Communication was received from the Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts requesting the Boston City Council reconsider their position and approve the grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.
Whole	0124	Mayor		Communication was received from the Boston Air Pollution Control Commission regarding the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Regulations Statements of Fiscal Effect and Small Business Impact report.	1/1/2024		1/1/2024- Placed on file for committee assignment.

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0134	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Thirteen Million Three Hundred Seventeen Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$13,317,200.00) in the form of a grant from the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative, awarded by the United States Department of Homeland Security, passed through the MA Executive Office of Public Safety & Security, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The grant will fund planning, exercise, trainings, and operational needs, that will help prevent, respond to, and recover from threats of acts of terrorism, including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive incidents.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0135	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Aquatics Facilities Grant, awarded by the United States Department of the Treasury, passed through the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation, to be administered by Property Management. The grant will fund the repairs and maintenance of aquatic facilities.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0136	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Commercial Acquisition Assistance Program (CAAP), awarded by the Barr Foundation, to be administered by the Mayor's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. The grant will fund core support to its Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion to grow its impact.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0137	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$659,990.00) in the form of a grant, for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Energy to be administered by the Environment Department. The grant will fund State and Local Governments and Tribes, in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency.	1/24/2024		

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Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Ways & Means	0143	Mayor		Message and order that will authorize the Boston Transportation Department ("BTD") to enter into two contracts, with terms of up to 10 years, to deploy curbside electric vehicle ("EV") charging stations through a public/private partnership and at no cost to the City with a potential for revenue share. BTD has identified two vendors through the public procurement process that offer different models that address the distinct challenges to locate curbside EV charging.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0144	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Felicia Jacques, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0145	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Thomas Rodde, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0146	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Catherine Hunt, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0147	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Freeman, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0148	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0149	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Terri North, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0150	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0151	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Pamela Beale, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0152	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ruel Longfellow, as a member of the Bay State Road/Back Bay West Area Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0153	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Lynn Smiledge, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0154	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Heyne, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0166	Coletta		Ordinance Formally Creating the Office of Food Justice and Establishing a Food Recovery Program in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0168	Louijeune		Ordinance with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0169	Louijeune		Text Amendment to the Boston Zoning Code with respect to Honey Bees.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0170	Coletta	Mejia, Worrell	Ordinance Establishing Street Food Enterprises in the City of Boston Municipal Code by Inserting Chapter 17, Section 22, Permitting and Regulation of Non-Motorized Street Food Carts.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0171	Worrell		Home Rule Petition to Ensure Future Inauguration Dates Do Not Fall on a Federal Holiday.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0172	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to create indoor playgrounds in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0173	Worrell		Order for a hearing regarding equity in city contracts.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0174	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to address gun violence.	1/24/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0175	Worrell	Durkan, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to bring the NBA All-Star Weekend to Boston.	1/24/2024		

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Housing & Community Development	0176	Worrell	Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding the Homeownership Voucher Program.	1/24/2024		
Education	0177	Murphy	Weber, Fernandes	Order for a hearing reclaiming the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center for our Boston Public School athletes.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0179	Durkan	Coletta, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to discuss trash collection in Boston.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0180	Durkan	Pepin, Breadon	Order for a hearing to discuss city services in regard to composting and the need for increased composting services.	1/24/2024		
Boston's COVID-19 Recovery	0181	Durkan		Order for a hearing to discuss the mental health and wellness resources available to City of Boston employees and new resources implemented after the COVID-19 pandemic.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0183	Fernandes-Anderson	Worrell, Louijeune	Order for a hearing to facilitate a community process to support consumers in District 7 impacted by the impending closure of Walgreens at 416 Warren Street.	1/24/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0184	Durkan	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to review the creation of a municipal bus service to provide last-mile service and late night shuttle service for third-shift workers.	1/24/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0185	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore the Summer Community Plan.	1/24/2024		
Small Business & Professional Licensure	0186	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing regarding barriers to business.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0187	Worrell		Order for a hearing to access expanded Hospital & Community-Centric Violence Prevention & Intervention.	1/24/2024		
Education	0188	Worrell	Mejia, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to explore scholarships for Boston students to increase access to all forms of higher education.	1/24/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0189	Worrell	Louijeune, Coletta	Order for a hearing regarding providing technical assistance to civic associations and outlining best practices for civic associations.	1/24/2024		
Environmental Justice, Resiliency & Parks	0190	Coletta	FitzGerald	Order for a hearing regarding implementing coastal resilience strategies for Boston's waterfront.	1/24/2024		

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Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0191	Breadon	FitzGerald, Worrell	Order for a hearing to discuss the continuity of health care services in relation to the financial challenges faced by the Steward Health Care System.	1/24/2024	2/22/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0192	Coletta	FitzGerald, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to discuss the ongoing modernization of Article 80 in Boston's Zoning Code.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0193	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss an increase in racist incidents in Boston and the Human Rights Commission's role in tracking, reporting, and addressing discrimination and civil rights violations.	1/24/2024		
Education	0194	Coletta	Louijeune	Order for a hearing to establish a Climate Change and Environmental Justice Curriculum Pilot Program in Boston Public Schools.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0195	Louijeune	Fernandes, Breadon	Order for a hearing on discrimination in lending and appraisals.	1/24/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0196	Coletta	Louijeune, Durkan	Order for a hearing regarding menstrual product accessibility in the City of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Education	0197	Louijeune	Colletta, Fernandes	Order for a hearing to address the mental health needs of our students with a focus on guidance counselors.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0198	Coletta	Flynn, Breadon	Order for a hearing regarding technological infrastructure improvements across city departments.	1/2/2024		
Ways & Means	0199	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to explore municipal bonds and other fiscal options to increase affordable housing, school buildings, and community investments.	1/24/2024		
Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0200	Louijeune	Worrell	Order for a hearing on the civil rights and liberties of returning citizens and re-entry into their Boston communities.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0202	Louijeune	Breadon	Order for a hearing on addressing and improving fair housing practices in the city of Boston.	1/24/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0203	Louijeune	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing regarding the state of anti-displacement as to Boston's Acquisition Opportunity Program.	1/24/2024		

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Civil Rights, Racial Equity, & Immigrant Advancement	0204	Louijeune	Coletta	Order for a hearing on the needs and services for recent migrant populations.	1/24/2024		
Government Operations	0256	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance amending City of Boston Code, Ordinances, Chapter 12, Section 12-3.5, Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0257	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an Ordinance creating the Planning Department in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
Ways & Means	0258	Mayor		The message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statements of Interest for their Accelerated Repair Program for the following schools: Kenny Elementary School, O'Donnell Elementary School, Adams Elementary School, Chittick Elementary School, Everett Elementary School, Gardner Pilot Academy, Lyndon Elementary School and Murphy K-8 School.	1/31/2024	2/13/2024	
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0259	Mayor		Petition of Uptown Transport Inc., for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0262	Flynn		Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
Government Operations	0263	Flynn		Petition for a special law re: an act regarding the disability pension for Brian McPherson.	1/31/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0264	Flynn		Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of for profit urgent care centers on nonprofit community health centers in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
Housing & Community Development	0265	Weber	Louijeune, Breadon	Order for a hearing to explore a right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing eviction in the City of Boston.	1/31/2024		
City Services & Innovation Technology	0266	Fernandes-Anderson		Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors.	1/31/2024		
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0267	Murphy	Flynn	Order for a hearing to address the plans underway to do facilities work this summer at several of our buildings that may impact the services we provide for our children, families, and seniors.	1/31/2024	2/15/2024	

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Ways & Means	0268	Worrell	Fernandes Anderson	Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public School's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.	1/31/2024		
Ways & Means	0280	Mayor		Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of One Million Two Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$1,260,000.00) for the Cemetery Division of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Trust Office of the Treasury Department to be funded from the Cemetery Trust Fund established under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0281	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) in the form of a grant for the EEC Mental Health Earmark, awarded by the MA Early Education and Child Care Department to be administered by the Office of Early Childhood. The grant will fund and support mental health training for early childhood educators.	2/7/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0282	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$92,735.50) in the form of a grant, for the Federal FY23 Emergency Management Performance Grant, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, to be administered by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM). The grant will fund the enhancement of operational capacity at the Boston Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and promote the professional development of OEM staff.	2/7/2024		
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0283	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) in the form of a grant for the FY23 Community Mitigation, awarded by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund investigations that are coordinated between the Boston Police Department Human Trafficking Unit and other law enforcement entities.	2/7/2024		

2024 Matters in Committee

Committee	Docket #	Sponsor	Co-Sponsor(s)	Docket Description	Date referred	Hearing(s)	Notes
Strong, Women, Families, & Communities	0284	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) in the form of a grant, for Youth Engagement and Advancement, awarded by Boston Children's Hospital, to be administered by the Office of Youth Engagement and Advancement. The grant will fund a development series with ongoing workshops for youth workers to learn skills and strategies to become more effective in their positions. The funds will be used towards the Mayor's Youth Summit.	2/7/2024	2/13/2024	
Public Safety & Criminal Justice	0285	Mayor		Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a donation of three Certified Comfort Dogs valued at Eight Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$8,400.00) donated by the Dame Dogs Labradors, LLC to be administered by the Boston Police Department. The purpose of the donation is to support the Bureau of Field Services of the Boston Police Department by adding three comfort dogs to their department.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0286	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Sandro Galea, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Public Health, Homelessness, & Recovery	0287	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Elsie Tavares, as a member of the Boston Public Health Commission's Board of Health for a term expiring on January 26, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0288	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Senam Kumahia, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring on December 30, 2027.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0289	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Nigel Jacobs to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0290	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of James Mason to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		
Arts, Culture, Entertainment, Tourism, & Special Events	0291	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Abigail Norman to the Boston Art Commission for a term expiring on December 20, 2028.	2/7/2024		

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Planning, Development, & Transportation	0292	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Craig Douglas as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0293	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lora Shea as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0294	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Katherine Sikora Nelson as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Planning, Development, & Transportation	0295	Mayor		Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Steven Dunwell Nelson as a Member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring April 1, 2026.	2/7/2024		
Government Operations	0302	Murphy	Pepen, FitzGerald	A petition for a special law re: An age waiver for the maximum age requirement for Paul O'Brien to join the Boston Police Department.	2/7/2024	2/12/2024	
City Services & Innovation Technology	0332	Murphy	Flynn	Order for hearing to discuss the safety of city workers.	2/7/2024		

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City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its Commendation and Recognition of:

Samuel "Metro" Mullin

As a long-standing community member whose work will not be forgotten, and for the joy and connections he brought to all who met him. A loving father and brother, his infectious smile and upbeat attitude uplifted friends and family.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By:  President of the City Council

Attest: _____

Offered by:  Clerk of the City of Boston

Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its Commendation and Recognition of:

Col. Christopher B. Shaw

For his 28 years of service to the U.S. Marine Corps, where he served as legal advisor to the U.S. Secretary of the Navy and as legal counsel for the unit of 27,000 Marines stationed in Japan. As a native Bostonian, his advocacy for sexual assault victims as well as diversity, equity and inclusion standards in the military stand as highlights in his nearly three decades of work.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR

BRIAN WORRELL

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council Extends its Commendation and Recognition of:

Hon. Justin A. Petty

Upon his installation as the 74th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Freemasons. May you carry on the great legacy of founder Prince Hall, the 18th-century abolitionist and advocate for African Americans.

And be it resolved that the Boston City Council hereby expresses its gratitude, congratulations, and best wishes for your continued success, that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of City of Boston.

By:  President of the City Council

Attest: _____ Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: FEBRUARY 2, 2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of Councilor Benjamin Weber

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Gratitude to:

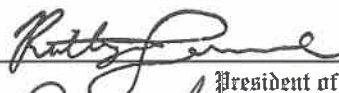
Shary Browne

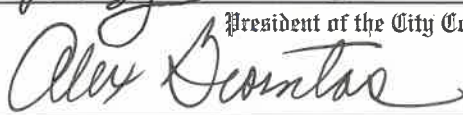
In Recognition of:

**Opening her second location, Shea Butter Smoothies, in
Jamaica Plain**

Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council recognizes Mattapan, MA native Shary Browne, a Black woman business owner, for her commitment to bringing premium, fresh, and healthy ingredients to Jamaica Plain by opening up Shea Butter Smoothies on Centre Street in 2024. Be it further Resolved that the Council extends its best wishes for her continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the President of the City Council and attested to, and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



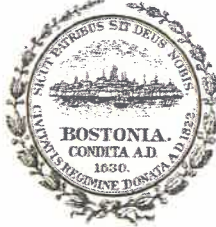
By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: February 7, 2024

City of Boston
IN
CITY COUNCIL



**Official Resolution
of Councilor Benjamin Weber**

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

Michael Matthews


In Recognition of:

Your service to the Lyndon school community

and Be it further Resolved that Councilor Benjamin
Weber and the Boston City Council extend their best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be
duly signed by the President of the City Council and
attested to and a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk
of the City of Boston.



By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: 2/6/2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

Parker-Vincent Alva

In Recognition of:

**Becoming Boston's third Youth Poet Laureate advocating for poetry and
the art of writing throughout Boston.**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the
President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof
transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



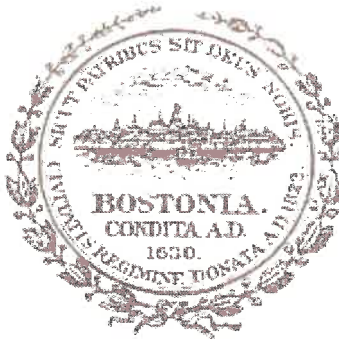
By: [Signature] President of the City Council

Attest: [Signature] Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: _____

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution of City Councilor Enrique J. Pepén

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extends its Congratulations to:

Little Crafters Child Care Center

In Recognition of:

**Successfully opening a new, nurturing, safe, and necessary small
business focused on providing quality child care to our community.**

and Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its best
wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly signed by the
President of the City Council and attested to and a copy thereof
transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.



By: Ruthy Fernald
President of the City Council

Attest: Ally A. Santos
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: _____



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN

- WHEREAS:** The Rev. Kevin Charles Peterson has performed extraordinarily well in public life, which has made Boston better as a city; *and*
- WHEREAS:** He has been instrumental in registering thousands of Black voters across the City of Boston in order to make our city more inclusive and socially connected. He was important in the redistricting process on the state level that resulted in the increase of state representative and state senate seat in Boston in 2010, including the creation of the first Black congressional seat; *and*
- WHEREAS:** Rev. Kevin Peterson initiated the reparations movement in Boston in 2018 by way of calling for the change of the name of Faneuil Hall. He was the leader in constructing the "Boston Apology" for its role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade connected to Boston in 2021; *and*
- WHEREAS:** The City Council affirmed an effort proffered by Rev. Peterson related to the "apology" that led to the creation of the the Boston Reparations Task Force; *and*
- WHEREAS:** He has organized the Black community and beyond through community forums, civic gatherings, social services for families in need, and citywide events that speak to the greatness of Boston; *and*
- WHEREAS:** He has demonstrated an interest working to reduce violence in the city, and worked with city officials toward a decisive and new anti-violence policy, which is leading to the reduction of violence in the Boston's Black community; *and*
- WHEREAS:** He has been a racial bridge builder, a social and political healer, in the the local tradition of Melvin King and Elma Lewis (his mentors) and many others, including Bruce Bolling, Charles Yancey, Mayor Raymond Flynn, Rev. Michael Haynes, and Governor Michael Dukakis; *and now therefore be it*
- RESOLVED:** That the City Of Boston recognizes the Rev. Kevin C. Peterson as one of its finest citizens who seeks to make the Boston a hospitable and welcoming place for all, and that during this Black History Month and beyond the Boston City Council acknowledges his contributions as sincere; *and be it further*
- RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council hereby recognizes this day, February 14th, as Kevin Peterson Day in the City Of Boston for now and evermore.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 9, 2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

OFFERED BY
CITY COUNCILOR ED FLYNN
波士頓市議會議員 - 愛德華、費連

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL
EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO:

CHINESE CONSOLIDATED BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND
紐英倫中華公所

IN RECOGNITION OF:

YOUR TREMENDOUS WORK GOING INTO THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON. WE WISH YOU AND YOUR MEMBERS
HEALTH, PROSPERITY, AND PEACE DURING THIS LUNAR YEAR AND BEYOND, AND LOOK FORWARD TO OUR
CONTINUED COLLABORATION IN ADVOCATING FOR OUR COMMUNITY; AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOSTON
CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS BEST WISHES TO YOU DURING THIS LUNAR NEW YEAR OF THE DRAGON AND
YEARS TO COME; THAT THIS RESOLUTION BE DULY SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND
ATTESTED TO AND A COPY THEREOF TRANSMITTED BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

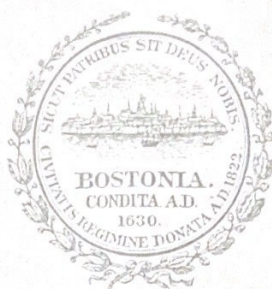
By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: Edward M. Flynn

Date: February 9, 2024

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



Official Resolution

Be it Resolved, that the Boston City Council
extended its Congratulations to:

Filippo Frattaroli

In Recognition of:

His 70th birthday,
and his contributions to the North End business community _____; and
Be it further Resolved that the Boston City Council extends its
best wishes for continued success; that this Resolution be duly
signed by the President of the City Council and attested to and
a copy thereof transmitted by the Clerk of the City of Boston.

By: _____
President of the City Council

Attest: _____
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: _____

Date: _____

City of Boston

IN
CITY COUNCIL



IN TRIBUTE

THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL EXTENDS ITS
DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND YOUR
FAMILY IN THE PASSING OF YOUR LOVED ONE

John "Sonny" Mirabella

IN WHOSE MEMORY ALL MEMBERS STOOD
IN TRIBUTE AND REVERENCE AS
THE COUNCIL ADJOURNED ITS MEETING OF

Wednesday, February 7th

SINCERELY,

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Attest

Presented By

City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL



In Tribute

Presented by

Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

The Boston City Council Extends Its Deepest Sympathy To You and Your Family in the
Passing of Your Loved One

Roberta Frances Madden

In Whose Memory All Members Stood In Tribute and Reverence as The Council
Adjourned its Meeting Of

February 14, 2024

Sincerely,

By: 
President of the City Council

Attest: 
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: 

Date: February 14, 2024