



January 31, 2024

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 12:03 P.M.

President Louijeune in the Chair. All Councilors present.

Reverend Audi Lynch, Faithful Church of Christ, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Louijeune moved to adopt the minutes from the January 24, 2024 meeting.
Motion Prevailed.

0256 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.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

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

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0258 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.

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

0259 Petition of Uptown Transport Inc., for a license to operate motor vehicles for the carriage of passengers for hire over certain streets in Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0260 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Woodrow Hartzog as a member of the Surveillance Oversight Advisory Board, effective immediately.

Placed on file.

0261 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Gary Saunders as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring January 22, 2026.

Placed on file.

0262 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Ordinance Establishing the Office of Pest Control in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

- 0263** Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Murphy, Santana, Weber, Worrell and Louijeune offered the following: Petition for a special law re: an act regarding the disability pension for Brian McPherson.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.
- 0264** Councilor Flynn, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss the impact of for profit urgent care centers on nonprofit community health centers in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.
- 0265** Councilor Weber, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to explore a right to counsel pilot program for tenants facing eviction in the City of Boston.
On the motion of Councilors Weber and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Breadon as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 0266** Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss creating a fund for translation and interpretive services to be utilized at community meetings held by City Councilors.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.
- 0267** Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Flynn offered the following: 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.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 0268** Councilor Worrell, Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss Boston Public School's Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.
- 0269** Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing January 27th as International Holocaust Remembrance Day.
Councilor Flynn moved to substitute language.
Motion Prevailed.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
- 0270** Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Coletta, Louijeune, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in support of the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to pass the Cherish Act.
Councilor Worrell in the Chair.
On the motion of Councilors Fernandes Anderson and Coletta, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Louijeune as an original co-sponsor.
On the motion of Councilors Fernandes Anderson, Coletta, and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

0271 Councilor Flynn, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in support of the HERO Act.

Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.

On the motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

0272 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing February 1st as World Hijab Day in Boston.

On the motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted; yeas 13.

0273 Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Worrell, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following: Resolution on behalf of the Boston City Council in Honor and Celebration of Black History Month to be recognized in the Month of February, 2024.

On motion of Councilor Fernandes Anderson, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Worrell and Louijeune as original co-sponsors.

On motion of Councilors Fernandes Anderson, Worrell and Louijeune, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0274 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Skarlett Abreu Martinez in City Council, effective January 15, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, two late filed matters would be added to the Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matters were added:

0277 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Breadon offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Patricia Mullaney in City Council, effective January 15, 2024.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

0278 Councilor Durkan, Breadon, Coletta, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing February 2, 2024 as "Lucius" day.

On the motion of Councilor Durkan, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

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.

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The Chair moved adoption of a Consent Agenda containing the following matters:

0275 Councilor FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following: Resolution in memory of Matthew "Matty" Carver.

0276 Councilor Pepén and Weber offered the following: Resolution congratulating Robert F. Lee.

The Chair stated that in absence of objection, one late filed matter would be added to the Consent Agenda. No objection being heard, the following matter was added:

0279 Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Resolution congratulating Higher Ed For All.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.
Adjourned at 3:11 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, in memory of Ronald Cormier and Judith “Judy” Duffy, to meet again on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

Attested:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk