



October 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 12:05 PM.

President Louijeune in the Chair. Present Councilors Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, and Worrell.

Pastor DeShay Freemyer-Jackson, Brighton-Allston Congregational Church, delivered the invocation, and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the October 8, 2025 City Council Meeting.

Motion prevailed.

1831 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from the United States Department of the Interior under the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Act of 1965 (Pub. L. 88-578, 78 Stat 897), to be administered by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, for purposes of making capital improvements to Ceylon Park in Dorchester. The Order also confirms that Ceylon Park is permanently dedicated for park and playground purposes, as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), the grantor's agent.

The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

1832 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents (\$895,657.87) in the form of a grant, for the RESEA Program for Field CY25 Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through the MassHire Department of Career Services, to be administered by the Office of Workforce Development. The grant will fund individual reemployment needs of Unemployment Insurance claimants, as well as prevent and detect improper benefit payments, and application assistance for training and education resources and programs. Referred to the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.

1833 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars (\$99,476.00) in the form of a grant from the Pipeline Emergency Response Grant (PERG), awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund training for emergency responders in high-consequence areas to protect people, property, and the environment from accidents involving gas or hazardous liquid pipelines.

Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.

- 1834** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$48,900.00) in the form of a grant for the 2025 Mayors Challenge Project Grant, awarded by the United Nations Development Programme to be administered by Operations. The grant will fund a study to address chronic school bus delays through AI-enabled traffic signal priority at key intersections and piloting innovative pick-up and drop-off scenarios to address congestion on neighborhood streets close to a school.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1835** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Four Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$44,780.00) in the form of a grant, for the Water Quality Assessment of Chandler Pond Grant, awarded by the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to be administered by the Parks and Recreation Department. The grant will fund water quality monitoring in Chandler Pond for 12 months, develop a watershed-based plan to identify sources of pollution, engage the community to build continued support for the restoration of Chandler Pond and to educate abutters about what they can do to minimize urban impacts to the pond.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1836** Message and order authorizing the Procurement Department to extend the term of an existing three (3) year contract for the purchase of ladder trucks for the Boston Fire Department (“BFD”). Two trucks contemplated under the contract were delivered in December 2024, but the remaining four trucks are currently scheduled to be delivered, two trucks at a time, in October 2026 and March 2027.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- 1837** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Steven Farrell, as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring November 2, 2025.
Placed on file.
- 1838** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of David O'Donahoe, as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring October 6, 2029.
Placed on file.
- 1839** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Bethany Patten, as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring October 6, 2029.
Placed on file.
- 1840** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Robert Qua, as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust, for a term expiring October 6, 2029.
Placed on file.
- 1841** Notice was received from the Mayor hereby delegating the authority vested in me pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, section 4 to Brian Swett as Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space for the City of Boston. This delegation is effective October 20, 2025.
Placed on file.

- [1842](#) Communication was received from the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) regarding Boston Logan International Airport 2023/2024 Environmental Data Report - EEA #3247.
Placed on file.
- [1843](#) Communication was received from Evandro C. Carvalho, Executive Director, regarding the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency's Annual Report FY25.
Placed on file.
- [1844](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Matthew Dickey as a Member of the Boston Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- [1845](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Ester Farah as a Member of the Boston Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.
- [1846](#) Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Claire Teylouni, as a Member of the Participatory Budget External Oversight Board, for a term expiring November 15, 2025.
Placed on file.

Councilor Coletta Zapata, on behalf of the Committee on Government Operations, submitted the following:

- [1277](#) On the home rule petition, referred on June 25, 2025, Docket #1277, for a Special Law re: An Act Relative to City of Boston Certified Emergency Telecommunicators, the committee submitted a report recommending that this matter ought to pass in a new draft.
Councilor Worrell in the chair.
The report was accepted; the petition was passed in a new draft; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).
- [0473](#) Order for a hearing regarding biannual review of the Boston Employment Commission and the Boston Residents Jobs Policy.
Councilor Louijeune in the chair.
Remains in the Committee on Labor, Workforce, and Economic Development.
- [1847](#) **Councilor Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Directing the City of Boston Police Department to Waive the Maximum Age Requirement for Ryan Cazeau.
On motion of Councilor Weber, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 12 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell).

- 1848 Councilor Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** 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 Jose Reyes.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, the rules were suspended; the petition was passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell), not present 1 (Murphy).
- 1849 Councilor Pepén, Weber, Worrell, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy and Santana offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss H.3754 and automated road safety enforcement in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilors Pepén and Weber, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Worrell as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1850 Councilor Coletta Zapata, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the City of Boston's 2030 Climate Action Plan.
Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 1851 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to facilitate the creation of Single Room Occupancy Units (SROs) in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.
- 1852 Councilor Weber, FitzGerald, Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to learn how the City Council can support the Mayor's Youth Sports Initiative to increase youth sports participation across Boston.
On motion of Councilors Weber and FitzGerald, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Murphy as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.
- 1853 Councilor Flynn, FitzGerald and Murphy offered the following:** Order regarding a text amendment to the Boston Zoning Code relative to Chinatown adult entertainment.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1854 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Boston Housing Authority (BHA) operations and standard practices.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the order was passed.
- 1855 Councilor Santana, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing October 26, 2025 as Intersex Awareness Day.
On motion of Councilor Santana, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

1856 Councilor Weber, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Worrell offered the following: Resolution recognizing the "Hope Out of Darkness" art installation commemorating 170 years since Solomon Northup's visit to Boston.

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

1857 Councilor Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in support of access to gender-affirming care in the City of Boston.

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

1858 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Santana offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Ameera Suttles in City Council. Passed under suspension of the rules.

/25 Legislative Calendar for October 22, 2025.

1690 Councilor Worrell called Docket #1690, an order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Ruth Batson Academy, formerly known as the John W. McCormick School, located at 315 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125. This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools, from the Committee on Ways and Means.

Hearing no objection, the matter was before the body.

On motion of Councilor Worrell, the order was read a second time and again passed; yeas 11 (Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber, Worrell); not present 1 (Murphy).

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

1859 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution in memory of Luis A. Velez-Cortes.

1860 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Glad Tidings House of Prayer for All Nations.

1861 Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Cub Scouts Pack 3.

1862 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ismael Diaz Rodriguez.

1863 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mission Hill NHS.

1864 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Veronika Testa.

1865 Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing five graduating students at Bioversity.

- 1866 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing three students for their nomination for the Student Alumni Award at 3point Gala.
- 1867 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Patricia Sheffield.
- 1868 Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing All Dorchester Sport & Leadership and 10 other recipients of the 2025 Hidden Heroes Sheroes event.
- 1869 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Peter Joseph Meade.
- 1870 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing John Nucci.
- 1871 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Animal Rescue League of Boston.
- 1872 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kamankola.
- 1873 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Turkish American Cultural Society.
- 1874 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Napoleon Jones-Henderson.
- 1875 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the City of Boston.
- 1876 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Dr. Orlando Gutierrez Boronat.
- 1877 Councilor Murphy and FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 30 individuals who received a 2025 Cedar Grove Civic Association Scholarship.
- 1878 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Greater Boston Plumbing Contractors Association.
- 1879 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing David Jacobs and Gen Tracy.
- 1880 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Gregory Timilty.
- 1881 Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Art Resource Collaborative for Kids (ARCK).
- 1882 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame.
- 1883 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing National POW/MIA Recognition Day.
- 1884 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Waiman Lee.
- 1885 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Brigadier General Enoch O'Dell "Woody" Woodhouse II.
- 1886 Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Greater Boston Global Age Center.

- 1887** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese American Heritage Foundation.
- 1888** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Chinese American Citizens Alliance Boston.
- 1889** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Boston Police Officer Javier Pagan.
- 1890** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Marilú Alvarado-Hernández.
- 1891** Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Massachusetts Affordable Homeownership Alliance.
- 1892** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Grealish Boxing Gym.
- 1893** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Zakiya Alake and 6 other community leaders.
- 1894** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mary Stampley.
- 1895** Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution in memory of Paula Alexander.
- 1896** Councilor Breadon offered the following: Resolution recognizing Margarita Montero.
- 1897** Councilor Durkan offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ricardo Sanchez.
- 1898** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ana Calderon.
- 1899** Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing William J. Martin.
- 1900** Councilor Weber offered the following: Resolution recognizing Nicolas J. Perez.
- 1901** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing MRKH Intersex Organization and three other groups.
- 1902** Councilor Santana offered the following: Resolution recognizing New Mission High School.
- 1903** Councilor FitzGerald offered the following: Resolution recognizing Mattie Washington.
- 1904** Councilor Pepén offered the following: Resolution recognizing Maria Maria.
- 1905** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Honorable Carlos Del Toro.
- 1906** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Anne Grimes Rand.
- 1907** Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bruce Blessington.

- 1908 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Carlos Zepeda.
- 1909 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Mariana Zapata.
- 1910 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alejandro Preciado.
- 1911 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Marta Helena Patiño Henao.
- 1912 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tommy Howard.
- 1913 Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kevin Smith.
- 1914 Councilor Worrell offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the Greater Boston Association of Black Social Workers and four individuals.
- 1915 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Philip Castor.
- 1916 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Sinclair Osner Bernadeau.
- 1917 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Detective Juan Seoane.
- 1918 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of David Milhomme.
- 1919 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Haitian Community leaders.
- 1920 Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Dot Pot.
- 1921 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing The Ellie Fund.
- 1922 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Judge Leslie E. Harris.
- 1923 Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Shane Pac.

The items contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 2:29 p.m. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Philip Castor, Paula Alexander, Peachie Bodden, Richard Mitchell, Sr., Mary Williams, Lisa Dix, Sinclair Osner Bernadeau, David Milhomme, the Honorable Judge Leslie E. Harris, Jean Borgard, Billy Richtberg, and Michael Eugene “D’Angelo” Archer, to meet again on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk