



November 15, 2023

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher A. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 12:00 P.M.

President Flynn in the Chair. Absent, Councilors Fernandes Anderson and Mejia.

City Clerk Alex Geourntas, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

President Flynn moved to adopt the minutes from the November 1, 2023 meeting.
Motion Prevailed

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- 1700** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) 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.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1701** Message and order authorization the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of One Million Three Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$1,358,100.00) in the form of a grant for the FY22 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Operation and Safety, awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment / bailout systems and the training required to use this PPE safely, as well as fund cancer and cardiac screening programs to provide early clinical detection of members.
Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1702** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) 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 the 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.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 1703** Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend a grant in an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEEA), Division of Conservation Services' Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Program. This grant is awarded to the City of Boston through the Parks and Recreation Department for renovations to the Walsh Playground located in the neighborhood of Mattapan. Referred to the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.
- 1704** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the FY23 COPS Accreditation Project, awarded by the United States Department of Justice to be administered by the Police Department. The grant will fund accreditation process though the purchase of PowerDMS to document objective evidence of CALEA and MPAC requirements. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1705** Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Forty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and Forty-Seven Cents (\$47,890.47) in the form of a grant, for the FY22 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program (FP&S), awarded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to be administered by the Fire Department. The grant will fund the purchase of an evidence management system and necessary supporting items and provide one-time training to personnel of the Fire Investigation Unit on the use of system. Referred to the Committee on Public Safety & Criminal Justice.
- 1706** 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. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1707** Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Freeman, as a member of the South End Landmark District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1708** 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. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1709** 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. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1710** 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. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
- 1711** 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. Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

- 1712** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Councilor Sharon Durkan as Ex Officio Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust. Placed on file.
- 1713** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Nick Pittman as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring on November 2, 2025. Placed on file.
- 1714** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Beatrice Nessen as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust for a term expiring on November 2, 2025. Placed on file.
- 1715** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Chaton Green as a Member of the Boston Employment Commission for a term expiring on October 26, 2025. Placed on file.
- 1716** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Nigel Jacobs as a Member of the Boston Arts Commission for a term expiring on November 15, 2028. Placed on file.
- 1717** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of James Mason as a Member of the Boston Arts Commission for a term expiring on November 15, 2028. Placed on file.
- 1718** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Abigail Norman as a Member of the Boston Arts Commission for a term expiring on November 15, 2028. Placed on file.
- 1719** Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Sonal Gandhi as a Member of the Boston Cannabis Commission for a term expiring on November 10, 2025. Placed on file.
- 1720** 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 October 25, 2023. Placed on file.

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

- 0455** On the message and ordinance, referred on March 1, 2023, Docket #0455, amending the City of Boston Code relating to the study and report on the trafficking of illegal firearms, the committee submitted a report recommending the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft. The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed in a new draft.

Councilor Flynn on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration, submitted the following:

- 0944** On the message and order, referred on May 17, 2023, Docket #0944, implementing an anti-bullying policy for the Boston City Council, submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass in a new draft. The report was accepted; the order was passed in a new draft. Councilor Arroyo in the Chair.

1721 Councilor Lara, Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Louijeune and Worrell offered the following: Petition for a Special Law re: An Act Relative To Voting For All Legal Residents in the City of Boston.
President Flynn in the Chair.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

1722 Councilor Lara, Arroyo, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Louijeune and Worrell offered the following: Order for a hearing to discuss a guaranteed basic income program for families living below the poverty line in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1723 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Fernandes Anderson offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Joshua Champagne in City Council, effective November 18, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

1739 Councilor Flynn, Arroyo, Baker, Breadon, Coletta, Durkan, Flaherty, Lara, Louijeune, Murphy and Worrell offered the following: Resolution in Support of The Seaport Hotel Banquet Workers.
On motion of Councilor Flynn, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.
Councilor Breadon in the Chair.

1740 Notice was received from Councilor Mejia of her absence from the November 15, 2023 City Council Meeting.
President Flynn in the Chair.
Placed on file.

1741 Notice was received from Councilor Fernandes Anderson of her absence from the November 15, 2023 City Council Meeting.
Placed on file.

1742 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Cindy Dieujuste, Hodan Hashi, Emily Polston and Jesse Purvis in City Council, effective November 18, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1743 Councilor Flynn for Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Cindy Dieujuste, Hodan Hashi, Emily Polston and Jesse Purvis in City Council, effective November 25, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1744 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Karishma Chouhan, Arnita Flint, Michelle A.L. Goldberg, Meghan Kavanagh, Juan Lopez, Cora Montrond, Candace Morales, Christine O'Donnell, Shane Pac, Lorraine Schettino and Ethan Vera in City Council, effective November 18, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1745 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Ron Cobb, Karishma Chouhan, Arnita Flint, Michelle A.L. Goldberg, Meghan Kavanagh, Juan Lopez, Cora Montrond, Candace Morales, Christine O'Donnell, Shane Pac, Lorraine Schettino and Ethan Vera in City Council, effective November 25, 2023.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

1284 Councilor Baker called Docket #1284, message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Kate Bennett as a member of the Boston Planning and Development Agency Board, for a term expiring September 17, 2027, from the Committee of Planning, Development and Transportation.

No objection being heard, the matter was before the body.

Committee members polled; yeas 5.

On motion of Councilor Baker, the appointment was confirmed.

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

1724 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Resolution recognizing Jude Charles.

1725 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Bridge Over Troubled Waters.

1726 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ellis Early Learning.

1727 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Ron Druker.

1728 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Korean War Veterans.

1729 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing AIPAC.

1730 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the organizing committee of Nanjing Week.

1731 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Wu Zhi Yuan Dance School and the New Star Community Art School.

1732 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution in memory of Alexander Mavradis.

1733 Councilor Flaherty offered the following: Resolution recognizing Raulene Denise Rose.

1734 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing the Friends of the Boston Park Rangers Mounted Unit.

1735 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution Recognizing Daniel Donovan, U.S. Air Force.

1736 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Thomas Nee, U.S. Navy.

1737 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Joseph Hayes, U.S. Air Force.

1738 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing John Barrett, U.S. Army.

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 heard.

1746 Councilor Flynn offered the following: Resolution recognizing Private First Class Shane Wild.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.
Adjourned at 1:21 p.m. on motion of President Flynn, in memory of James M. McManus Sr., Alexander Mavradis, Walter Hill, Talekia Murray Roberson and Clementine Scott to meet again on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk