BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation
Sharon Durkan, Chair

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

March 27, 2024

Dear Councilors,

The Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation was referred the following dockets for consideration:

Docket #0144, 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;

Docket #0145, 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;

Docket #0146, 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;

Docket #0147, 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;

Docket #0148, Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the South End LandMark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027;

Docket #0149, 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;

Docket #0150, Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Christopher DeBord, as a member of the South End LandMark District Commission for a term expiring on January 20, 2027;

Docket #0151, 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;

Docket #0152, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Ruel Longfellow, as a member of the Back Bay West/Bay State Road Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on January 15, 2027;

Docket #0153, 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;

These matters were referred to the Committee on January 24, 2024

Docket #0293, 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 on April 1, 2026;

Docket #0294, 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 on April 1, 2026;

Docket #0295, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Steven Dunwell, as a member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring on April 1, 2026;

These matters were referred to the Committee on February 7, 2024.

Docket #0535, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Franklin Ross, as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term expiring on March 18, 2029;

Docket #0536, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2029;

Docket #0537, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Celina Barrios-Miller, as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring on February 5, 2027;

Docket #0538, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring on March 18, 2027;

Docket #0539, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of John Amodeo, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2024;

Docket #0540, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha , as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2025;

Docket #0541, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2025;

Docket #0542, Message and order for the confirmation of the re-appointment of Michael Woodall, as a member of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, for a term expiring on January 3, 2028;

Docket #0567, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian, as a member of the Fort Point Channel Landmark District Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2024; and

Docket #0568, Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Susan Goganian, as a member of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring on June 30, 2024;

These matters were referred to the Committee on January 24, February 7, and March 20, 2024.

Attendance

Liz Breadon
City Council for District 9
Member of the Planning, Development and Transportation Committee

Ed Flynn
City Council for District 2
Member of the Planning, Development and Transportation Committee

Absent Letter Provided

Ruthzee Louijeune
City Councilor At-Large

Enrique Pepén

City Council for District 5

Tania Fernandes-Anderson
City Council for District 6

Henry Santana
City Councilor At-Large

Information Gathered:
A public hearing was held on Monday, March 25, 2024. Panelist Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space and Joe Cornish, Director of Design Review; Boston Landmarks Commission testified on behalf of the Administration.

The City Council's Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation reviewed the resumes and credentials of all the appointees. The appointees responded to questions from the Chair and other Councilors regarding their qualifications, relevant experience, background, areas of expertise, and on the independence, rationale and criteria that they would exercise when making decisions. All the appointees are experienced, dedicated and qualified individuals.

Summary of Amendments:

The Administration provided new appointment letters for the following dockets based on technical errors. The following letters are attached:

Docket #0534
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Senam Kumahia as a member of the Bay Village Historic District Commission, for a term expiring ~~June 30, 2025~~ April 1, 2025.

Docket #0535
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Franklin Ross as a member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission, for a term expiring ~~March 18, 2029~~ December 31, 2027.

Docket #0537
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Celina Barrios Millner as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission, for a term expiring ~~February 5, 2027~~ June 30, 2025.

Docket #0538
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lindsey Marie Mac Jones as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring ~~March 18, 2027~~ June 30, 2025.

Docket #0540
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Fadi Samaha as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring ~~June 30, 2025~~ June 30, 2024.

Docket #0541
Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Celina Barrios Millner as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission for a term expiring ~~February 5, 2027~~ June 30, 2026.

Recommended Action:
The Chair of the Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation, to which the following was referred:

Submits a report recommending that these dockets above **ought to pass,** with the exception of the following dockets that should remain in committee:

#0154 Jeffrey Heyne
#0534 Senam Kumahia
#0292 Craig Douglas

Sharon Durkan
Chair, Committee on Planning, Development and Transportation

City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 26, 2024

The Honorable Alex Geourntas
Office of the City Clerk
1 City Hall Plaza
Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner of 66 Crest Street, Boston, MA 02132 as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2026. I am appointing Celina Barrios-Millner pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Celina Barrios-Millner shall serve as the Mayor's Office Alternate Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner as a Commissioner on the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CELINA BARRIOS-MILLNER TO THE HIGHLAND PARK ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner of 66 Crest Street, Boston, MA 02132, as a Member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2025, be, and hereby is, approved.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
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ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.
BY_____
ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL

City of Boston, Massachusetts
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I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
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AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CELINA BARRIOS-MILLNER AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

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I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner as a member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission.

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I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner as a Commissioner on the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF CELINA BARRIOS-MILLNER TO THE HIGHLAND PARK ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Celina Barrios-Millner of 66 Crest Street, Boston, MA 02132, as a Member of the Highland Park Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2025, be, and hereby is, approved.

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Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order regarding the appointment of Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones of 4 Hancock Street, Boston, MA 02129 as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission, for a term expiring June 30, 2025. I am appointing Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones pursuant to the authority vested in me by Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, and subject to your confirmation. Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones shall serve as the American Planning Association Alternate Member.

I urge your Honorable Body to act favorably on the appointment of Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones as a Commissioner of the Boston Landmarks Commission.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDSEY MARIE MAC-JONES AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION.

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended by Chapter 137 of the Acts of 1989, as amended by Chapter 373 of the Acts of 2018, the appointment of Lindsey Marie Mac-Jones of 4 Hancock Street, Boston, MA 02129 to the Boston Landmarks Commission, in the seat designated for the American Planning Association Alternate Member, for a term ending June 30, 2025, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

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