April 02, 2025

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston was held in the Christopher J. Iannella Chamber, City Hall on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 12:07 P.M.

President Louijeune in the chair. All Councilors present.

Pastor Bruce Wall, Global Ministries Christian Church, delivered the invocation and the meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

The Chair moved to adopt the minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting.
Motion prevailed.

0719 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twenty Million Dollars ($20,000,000.00) in the form of a Grant, for the RAISE: Roxbury Resilient grant, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation-National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, passed through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund a project to reconstruct and upgrade three corridors in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation,
Later in session, Councilor Fernandes Anderson moved to reconsider Docket #0719. Seconded by Councilor Pepén.
Motion prevailed.
The rules were suspended, the order was passed; yeas 13.

0720 On the message and order, referred on April 2, 2025, Docket #0720, authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Nine Million Dollars ($9,000,000.00) in the form of a grant, for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program, awarded by the United States Department of Transportation to be administered by the Transportation Department. The grant will fund safety design and construction in intersections to employ low-cost, high impact strategies through a safety and equity lens for Complete Street. The principal safety issues addressed are speeding, pedestrian crashes, as well as visibility issues, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0721 Message and order for your approval an Order that will authorize the reassignment of the Community Preservation Act funding for the Charlestown Peace Park to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).
Referred to the Committee on Community Preservation Act.
Later in session, Councilor Pepén moved to reconsider Docket #0721.
Seconded by Councilor Santana.
Reconsideration prevailed.
The rules were suspended, the order was passed.

0722 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend the amount of Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-One Dollars ($12,881.00) in the form of a grant, for the Jobs for Veterans' State Grant, awarded by the United States Department of Labor, passed through 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 enhanced employment services for eligible veterans, prioritizing disabled veterans, and those facing significant barriers to employment, with the goal of improving their job search outcomes and economic self-sufficiency.
Referred to the Committee on Veterans, Military Families, and Military Affairs.

0723 Message and order authorizing the City of Boston to accept and expend an in-kind contribution of 1200 Snack Packs valued at Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) donated by Visit.org. The purpose of this donation is to provide shelf-stable snack packs to be distributed across Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) sites during the school year programming and/or to start the summer.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0724 On the message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and Citizens, for the provision of Banking Services as more fully described in the attached form of compensating balance agreement, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

0725 On the message and order for your approval an Order authorizing the Collector-Treasurer to enter into a contract under the provisions of General Law Chapter 44, Section 53F, by and between the City of Boston and J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., for the provision of Banking Services, the committee submitted a report recommending the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.
Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

0726 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Thomas High as a Primary Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.
The rules were suspended; the appointment was confirmed.

0727 Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Lisa Tharp as a Primary Member of the Back Bay Architectural District Commission for a term expiring on December 31, 2028.
On motion of Councilor Durkan, the appointment was confirmed.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0728 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Ellen Moore as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0729 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Katie Genovese as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2026.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0730 Message and order for the confirmation of the appointment of Garry Walling as a member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0731 Message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Patricia Tongue Edraos as an alternate member of the Mission Hill Triangle Architectural Conservation District Commission for a term expiring on June 30, 2025.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0732 Councilor Durkan called Docket #0732, message and order for the confirmation of the reappointment of Hessann Farooqi as a member of the Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance Review Board for a term expiring on March 19, 2026, from the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.
On motion of Councilor Durkan, the appointment was confirmed in a new draft.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0733 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Bernard FitzGerald as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 1, 2027.
Placed on file.

0734 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Reginald Smalls as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 2, 2026.
Placed on file.

0735 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Amaury Perez as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 2, 2026.
Placed on file.

0736 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Dieufort J. Fleurissaint (Pastor Keke) as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 1, 2028.
Placed on file.

0737 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Tanisha DeLeon as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 6, 2028.
Placed on file.

0738 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Joshua Dankoff as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 1, 2027.
Placed on file.

0739 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of E. Peter Alvarez as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 6, 2028.
Placed on file.

0740 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Natalie Carithers Utley as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 2, 2026.
Placed on file.

0741 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Samuel Harold as a member of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 1, 2027.
Placed on file.

0742 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Samuel Harold as Chairperson of the Civilian Review Board, for a term expiring January 1, 2027.
Placed on file.

0743 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Jamika Hobbs as a member of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, for a term expiring March 14, 2026.
Placed on file.

0744 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Anthony Fugate as a member of the Internal Affairs Oversight Panel, for a term expiring March 14, 2026.
Placed on file.

0745 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Michael Parker as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2025.
Placed on file.

0746 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Stephen Estes-Smargiassi as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2028.
Placed on file.

0747 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Anne Herbst as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2025.
Placed on file.

0748 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Michael Wilson as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2025.
Placed on file.

0749 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Kannan Thiruvengadam as a member of the Boston Conservation Commission, for a term expiring November 1, 2025.
Placed on file.

0750 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Irmak Turan as a member of the Air Pollution Control Commission, for a term expiring January 6, 2028.
Placed on file.

0751 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Eric Burkman as a member of the Air Pollution Control Commission, for a term expiring January 6, 2028.
Placed on file.

0752 Notice was received from the Mayor of the reappointment of Russell Preston as a member of the Air Pollution Control Commission, for a term expiring January 6, 2028.
Placed on file.

0753 Notice was received from the Mayor of the appointment of Representative Daniel J. Ryan as a member of the Boston Commemoration Commission effective immediately.
Placed on file.

0754 Notice was received from Nick Pittman regarding his resignation from the Boston Groundwater Trust.
Placed on file.

0755 Notice was received from Nicholas Arinello, Assessing Commissioner, of the appointment of Liam Brearley as an Assistant Assessor.
Placed on file.

0756 Notice was received from the Mayor of her absence from the City on Tuesday March 25, 2025 at 12:00 p.m., returning at 10:33 p.m.
Placed on file.

0757 Communication was received from Councilor Erin Murphy and Councilor Ed Flynn regarding a Request for Information to the Election Department and Elections Commission dated March 26, 2025.
Placed on file.

0758 Communication was received from Councilor Erin Murphy and Councilor Ed Flynn regarding a letter sent to Secretary of State William F. Galvin dated March 24, 2025.
Placed on file.

0759 Communication was received from Councilor Murphy regarding a "Statement on the Youth Jobs & Resource Fair Incident and Call for Rescheduling".
Placed on file.

0760 Communications from Councilor Flynn regarding Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Inspector General Audit of the Boston Housing Authority.
Placed on file.

0761 Communications from Councilor Flynn regarding Architectural Access Board's Decision on the Ruth Barkley Apartments.
Placed on file.

0762 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 11, 2024.
Placed on file.

0763 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 March 5, 2025.
Placed on file.

0764 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 March 19, 2025.
Placed on file.

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

0407 On the message and order, referred on February 5, 2025, Docket #0407, for your approval an Ordinance for Road Safety and Accountability for Delivery Providers, the committee submitted a report recommending that the ordinance ought to pass in a new draft.
Councilor Coletta Zapata moved to substitute language. Motion prevailed.
The report was accepted; the ordinance was passed in a new draft; yeas 11, nays 2 (FitzGerald, Murphy).

Councilor Worrell, on behalf of the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted the following:

0458 On the message and order, referred on February 12, 2025, Docket #0458, authorizing the City of Boston to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statement of Interest describes and explains the deficiencies within the school facility that prevents Boston Public Schools (BPS) from delivering their desired educational program, the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed; yeas 13.

0169 Order for a hearing regarding the implementation and funding of coastal resilience strategies and the establishment of a climate bank.
Remains in the Committee on Environmental Justice, Resiliency, and Parks.

0311 Order for a hearing to address the displacement of Bostonians as a result of new and future development.
Remains in the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0422 Order for a hearing to discuss the immediate reinstatement of and sustainable funding for the Community Syringe Redemption Program.
Remains in the Committee on Public Health, Homelessness, and Recovery.

Councilor Pepén, on behalf of the Committee on Community Preservation Act, submitted the following:

0641 On the message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the total amount of Thirty-Eight Million One Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand Fifty-Two Dollars ($38,148,052.00) from Fiscal Year 2025 Community Preservation Fund revenues for community preservation projects at the recommendation of the City of Boston Community Preservation Committee ("CPC"), the committee submitted a report recommending that the order ought to pass.
The report was accepted; the order was passed.

0765 **Councilor Breadon, Louijeune, Mejia, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Ordinance establishing a "Scofflaw Property Owner List."
On motion of Councilors Breadon and Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Mejia as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0766 Ordinance extending and enhancing protections for tenants facing displacement due to condominium or cooperative conversion in the City of Boston.
Referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

0767 **Councilor Flynn, Murphy, FitzGerald, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss transportation planning within the Article 80 Development Review Process.
On motion of Councilors Flynn and Murphy, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor FitzGerald as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation.

0768 Order for a hearing to discuss water and sewer infrastructure in Chinatown and the Leather District.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

0769 **Councilor Flynn, Mejia, Breadon, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Louijeune, Murphy, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's report on Boston Housing Authority.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

0770 **Councilor Louijeune, Pepén, Weber, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Santana and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding support for Boston's Main Streets organizations.
Councilor Worrell in the Chair.
On motion of Councilor Louijeune, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Pepén and Weber as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Small Business and Professional Licensure.

0771 **Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing regarding the expansion of Boston Pre-K seats and the equitable distribution of City-funded seats across all neighborhoods.
Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.
Referred to the Committee on Education.

0772 **Councilor Murphy, Flynn, Pepén, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Durkan, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Mejia, Santana, Weber and Worrell offered the following:** Order for a hearing to assess and enhance the accessibility and safety of Boston's sidewalks for all residents.
Councilor Louijeune in the Chair.
On motion of Councilors Murphy and Flynn, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilor Pepen as an original co-sponsor.
Referred to the Committee on City Services and Innovation Technology.

0773 **Councilor Breadon, Durkan, Worrell, Mejia, Fernandes Anderson, Pepén, Weber and Louijeune offered the following:** Order for a hearing to discuss legalizing mid-rise single-stair housing in the Massachusetts State Building Code.
On motion of Councilor Breadon, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Durkan and Worrell as original co-sponsors.
Referred to the Committee on Housing and Community Development.

0774 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding down payment assistance grants disbursed since 2021.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0775 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding Youth Summer Employment Opportunities for Students of All Abilities.
The rules were suspended; the order was passed.

0776 **Councilor Worrell, Louijeune, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Mejia, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Boston.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Breadon as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Louijeune and Breadon, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0777 **Councilor Worrell, Louijeune, Mejia, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, FitzGerald, Flynn, Murphy, Pepén, Santana and Weber offered the following:** Resolution in support of Bill S.403, An Act Establishing a Special Commission to Review the Adequacy and Equity of the Massachusetts School Building Program.
Councilor Worrell moved to substitute language. Motion prevailed.
On motion of Councilor Worrell, Rule 12 was invoked to include Councilors Louijeune and Mejia as original co-sponsors.
On motion of Councilors Worrell, Louijeune and Mejia, the rules were suspended; the resolution was adopted.

0778 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Weber offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Jacqueline Martinez in City Council, effective March 29, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0779 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Timothy J. Guimond in City Council effective April 5, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0780 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Worrell offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Matthew Martinelli and Anushree Sahay in City Council effective March 29, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

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

0817 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Emily Polston in City Council effective March 29, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0818 Councilor Louijeune offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Emily Polston in City Council effective April 5, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0819 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Coletta Zapata offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employees Elaine Donovan, Sebastian Para, Gabriela Ramirez and Elizabeth Sanchez effective March 29, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0820 Councilor Louijeune for Councilor Mejia offered the following: Order for the appointment of temporary employee Charles Yancey in City Council effective April 5, 2025.
Passed under suspension of the rules.

0821 **Councilor Murphy, Breadon, Coletta Zapata, Fernandes Anderson, Flynn, Louijeune, Mejia, Pepén and Weber offered the following:** Order for an emergency hearing to address incidents at The Future BOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair and to reschedule the event promptly.
Referred to the Committee on Strong Women, Families, and Communities.

2/25 Legislative Calendar for April 2, 2025.

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

0781 **Councilor Mejia offered the following:** Resolution celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Perfect 10 Unisex Salon and Recognizing April 4th, 2025, as “Perfect 10 Day” in the City of Boston.

0782 **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Alexis Steel.

0783 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Massachusetts Community Engagement Alliance.

0784 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Viola Black McCuller.

0785 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Carol Miranda.

0786 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Catholic Memorial High School's Boys Hockey Team.

0787 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Jonathan Latino.

0788 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Amaury Perez.

0789 **Councilor FitzGerald offered the following:** Resolution declaring "Sister Joyce McMullen Day".

0790 **Councilor Santana and Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing 30 individuals and organizations for Transgender Day of Visibility on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

0791 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Sandra Lorena Aleman Nijjar.

0792 **Councilor Santana offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Cesar A. Deossa M.

0793 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Dorothy Burnham.

0794 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing JP@Home.

0795 **Councilor Durkan offered the following:** Resolution recognizing March 25, 2025 as David Passafaro Day in the City of Boston.

0796 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing George's Shoes.

0797 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Haylee Chen.

0798 **Councilor Breadon offered the following:** Resolution congratulating ten Allston Village Award recipients.

0799 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Alex Santana.

0800 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Marise Chery Fleurissaint.

0801 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Abeo Powder.

0802 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution in memory of Cecily Williams.

0803 **Councilor Louijeune offered the following:** Resolution congratulating Cesar Deossa.

0804 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution honoring Father George Evans.

0805 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing the County Roscommon Association of Boston.

0806 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Kathryn A. Willmore.

0807 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Que Shing Chinese Musica and Opera.

0808 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Tuskegee Airmen Commemoration Day in the City of Boston.

0809 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Principal Richard Chang.

0810 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Maureen Dahill.

0811 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing John McGahan.

0812 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing IBEW 103 Asian Trade Union.

0813 **Councilor Flynn offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Soo Yuen Association of New England.

0814 **Councilor Weber offered the following:** Resolution recognizing Nikaury Contreras.

0815 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing and honoring, celebrating and congratulating the 41 recipients of the 2025 EXTRAordinary Women Award.

0816 **Councilor Murphy offered the following:** Resolution recognizing and honoring, celebrating and congratulating 5 Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO) Boston Police Department Retirees.

The matters contained within the Consent Agenda were severally adopted.

Adjourned at 4:24 P.M. on motion of President Louijeune, and in memory of Eve Goldberg, Myra Ortega Camino, Mario Joseph and Thomas S. Doherty to meet again on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 12:00 P.M.

Attest:

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk