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## COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

May 4, 2021

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY22 recommended budget, as well as various relevant budget-related dockets, according to the attached **updated** schedule.

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**By City Clerk at 1:38 pm, May 04, 2021**

The subjects of the hearings are:

***Orders for the FY22 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).***

- *Docket #0524, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2022.*
- *Docket #0525, message and order for annual appropriation for the School Department for FY2022.*
- *Docket #0526, message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.*

***Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations.***

- *Docket #0527, message and order approving an appropriation of Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,600,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund in order to provide funding for various transportation and public realm improvements, to be credited to the Capital Grant fund from the Parking Meter Fund.*
- *Docket #0528, message and order approving an appropriation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city, to be credited to the Capital Grant Fund from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.*

***Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements.***

- *Docket #0529, message and order approving an appropriation of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Million Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$237,654,000.00) for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repairs of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or*



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*engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of various city departments including Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Neighborhood Development, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works and Transportation Departments, Boston Public Library, Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Public Health Commission.*

- *Docket #0530, message and order approving an appropriation Fifty Million Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$50,438,000.00) for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation, or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repairs of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and any and all cost incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of the Boston Public Schools.*
- *Docket #0531, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2022 in an amount not to exceed Thirty-One Million Dollars (\$31,000,000.00), funds from which to be used by various city departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions, with equipment to include computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of the foregoing.*

## **Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY22, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police.**

- *Docket #0532, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to support maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building tie, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).*
- *Docket #0533, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology,*



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*including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).*

- *Docket #0534, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 for Boston Public Schools Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0535, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0536, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0537, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care, with expenditures not to exceed Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00).*
- *Docket #0538, message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually, and to operate, maintain, monitor, and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).*
- *Docket #0539, message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2022 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists, or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the city's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation, with expenditures not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).*
- *Docket #0540, message and order authorizing the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property, with expenditures not to exceed Two Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).*
- *Docket #0541, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00).*



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- *Docket #0542, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre, with expenditures not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).*
- *Docket #0543, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations, civic, and cultural events, with expenditures not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).*

### **Other budget-related dockets.**

- *Docket #0544, message and order authorizing an appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the George Francis Parkman Fund for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and parks in existence since January 12, 1887.*
- *Docket #0545, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund, pursuant to Section 53F  $\frac{3}{4}$  of Chapter 44 of the General Laws for cable related purposes including supporting PEG access services, monitoring compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and preparation of renewal of the franchise license.*
- *Docket #0546, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) from the Boston Equity Fund to create a special revenue project grant to support equity applicants and licensees to establish and operate a cannabis business in the City of Boston, pursuant to City of Boston Ordinances Chapter 8, Section 13.*

These matters were sponsored by Acting Mayor Kim Janey and were referred to the Committee on April 14, 2021.

NOTICE: The Boston City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

**Attendance** In accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law and relieving public bodies of certain requirements, including the requirement that public bodies conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, the City Council will be conducting this hearing virtually. This enables the City Council to carry out its responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations and ensuring



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public access to its deliberations through adequate, alternative means. The public may watch these hearings via live-stream at [www.boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://www.boston.gov/city-council-tv) and via broadcast on Xfinity 8/RCN 82/Fios 964.

**Public Testimony** Public testimony is integral to the Council's budget review process. Members of the public may submit written testimony, prerecorded videos, or testify live via videoconference. All forms of testimony will be made a part of the record and available to all Councilors. Additional information is available at: [www.boston.gov/council-budget](http://www.boston.gov/council-budget).

For the Committee:

Kenzie Bok, Chair

Committee on Ways and Means

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## Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means

### Hearings Schedule, FY22 Budget *Dockets #0524-0531, FY22 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget with Dockets #0532-0546 Companion Funds Hearings Noted*

**UPDATED 5/4/21**

All hearings will be held virtually via Zoom, unless and until noticed otherwise. Public testimony will be accepted at the end of each hearing, as well as at the designated public testimony hearings. The Council will also be holding Committee working sessions on the budget, which will not include public comment periods, and which will be noticed separately.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
4/26/21 – Mon	10:00AM	Admin & Finance: Budget Overview Presentation (incl. Revenue)	
4/27/21 – Tues	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS): Budget Overview Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Return, Recover, Imagine Plan</li> <li>• Overview of plan for City, CARES, ESSER, &amp; ARP Funds</li> </ul>	
	2:00PM	BPS School Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weighted Student Funding</li> <li>• Enrollment Projections</li> <li>• Schools with Declining Budgets</li> <li>• Opportunity Index</li> <li>• New Investments (\$36M)</li> <li>• Transformation Schools</li> <li>• Hub Schools</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS will also speak to how they will use federal funds for their Return &amp; Recovery plans</i></p>	
4/28/21 - Weds	6:00PM	Public Testimony: Please Share Your Priorities for an Equitable Recovery	
4/29/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	Law Department <i>Law Revolving Fund: #0540 Repairs</i> Office of Arts & Culture <i>A&amp;C Revolving Funds: #0541 Public Art, #0542 Strand Theatre</i> Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment <i>Tourism Revolving Fund: #0543 City Hall Plaza</i>	
	2:00PM	Capital Overview/Public Facilities Department (PFD)	
5/10/21 - Mon	10:00AM	Environment Department (incl. Conservation Commission, Landmarks) <i>Environment Revolving Funds: #0538 Distributed Energy Resource, #0539 Conservation Commission</i>	
	2:00PM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <i>BPD Revolving Funds: #0535 Canine, #0536 Fitness Center</i>	
5/11/21 – Tues	10:00AM	BPS Commitment #1 (I): Eliminate Opportunity & Achievement Gaps – Overall Alignment & Wraparound Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OAG Policy Alignment, Implementation, Progress</li> <li>• Workforce Diversity</li> <li>• Curriculum Bias Review</li> <li>• Code of Conduct Implementation, Disproportionality</li> <li>• Social/Emotional Learning &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Family Liaisons, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Nurses</li> <li>• Trauma/Crisis Response</li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Behavioral &amp; Mental Health Supports</li> <li>HERN</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS will also speak to how they will use federal funds for their Return &amp; Recovery plans</i></p>	
	2:00PM	<p>BPS Commitment #1 (II): Eliminate Opportunity &amp; Achievement Gaps – Specialized Academic Supports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inclusion</li> <li>SPED/SPED Transitions</li> <li>ELL &amp; Bilingual Education Plan</li> <li>Tutoring, Vacation, and Summer Programming</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS will also speak to how they will use federal funds for their Return &amp; Recovery plans</i></p>	
5/13/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	<p>Boston Centers for Youth &amp; Families (BCYF)  <i>BCYF Revolving Fund: #0537 City Hall Child Care</i></p>	
	4:00PM	Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE)	
5/17/21 - Mon	10:00AM	<p>Office of Food Access (OFA)  Office of Language and Communications Access (LCA)  Office of Immigrant Advancement (OIA)  Human Rights Commission (HRC)  Age Strong Commission</p>	
5/18/21 – Tues	10:00AM	<p>BPS Commitment #2: Accelerate Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early Education, incl. Universal Pre-K</li> <li>Office of Elementary Schools</li> <li>Office of Secondary Schools</li> <li>Excellence for All &amp; AWC</li> <li>Science Education</li> <li>Literacy</li> <li>Vocational Education</li> <li>Art &amp; Music</li> <li>Libraries</li> <li>Special Curricular Programs (AP, IB)</li> <li>MassCore Standards</li> <li>MCAS</li> <li>COVID-19 Learning Loss Replacement</li> <li>Graduation &amp; Career Readiness</li> <li>Credit Recovery, Age 22</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS will also speak to how they will use federal funds for their Return &amp; Recovery plans</i></p>	Some topics previously under BPS Commitments #5-6 moved to hearing on BPS Commitment #2
	2:00PM	<p>BPS Commitment #3: Amplify All Voices  BPS Commitment #4: Expand Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent and Youth Engagement, Governance Role</li> <li>School Admission and Assignment System</li> <li>BuildBPS and Future Capital Planning</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS Revolving Funds: #0532 Facilities, #0533 Technology, #0534 Transportation</i></p>	



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5/20/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	Office of Economic Development (OED) <i>Docket #0546 Equity Fund</i> Women’s Advancement	
	2:00PM	Library (BPL)	
5/24/21 – Mon	10:00AM	Public Works Department (DPW) Transportation Department (BTD)	
	2:00PM	Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) Office of Fair Housing and Equity	
5/25/21 – Tues	10:00AM	BPS Commitment #5: Cultivate Trust BPS Commitment #6: Activate Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admin Budget/Central Office</li> <li>• Leaves of Absence, Worker’s Comp</li> <li>• Retention</li> <li>• BPS Transportation</li> <li>• School Safety</li> <li>• Food &amp; Nutrition Services</li> <li>• Athletics</li> <li>• Partnerships</li> </ul> <i>BPS will also speak to how they will use federal funds for their Return &amp; Recovery plans</i>	Some topics previously under BPS Commitments #5-6 moved to hearing on BPS Commitment #2
	6:00PM	BPS Public Testimony	
5/26/21 - Weds	3:00PM	(Possible Carryover)	
5/27/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Fire Department (BFD)	
	2:00PM	Boston Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) (incl. Recovery Services) Office of Health and Human Services (OHHS)	
6/1/21 - Tues	2:00PM	(Possible Carryover)	Added 5/4
6/2/21 - Weds	10:00AM	Inspectional Services Department (ISD)	
	2:00PM	Parks and Recreation Department <i>Docket #0544 Parkman Fund Appropriation</i>	
6/3/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) <i>Docket #0545 PEG Access Fund</i>	
	6:00PM	Public Testimony (All Departments)	
6/4/21 - Fri	10:00AM	Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)	
6/7/21 - Mon	10:00AM	(Possible Carryover)	
	2:00PM	(Possible Carryover)	
6/8/21 - Tues	10:00AM	(Possible Carryover)	
	2:00PM	(Possible Carryover)	