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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

May 2, 2024

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY25 recommended budget, as well as various relevant budget-related dockets, according to the attached schedule. These hearings will take place in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall, unless noted otherwise.

The subjects of the hearing are:

Orders for the FY25 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB)

- *Docket #0670, Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2025.*
- *Docket #0671, Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2025.*
- *Docket #0672, Message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund established under Section 20 of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B.*

Orders for capital fund credited appropriations

- *Docket #0673, Message and order approving an appropriation of Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) 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. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.*
- *Docket #0674, Message and order approving an appropriation of Twenty-Nine Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$29,780,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund in order to provide funding for various transportation and public realm improvements. The funds shall be credited to the Capital Grant Fund from the Parking Meter Fund.*
- *Docket #0675, Message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of One Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,850,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for projects, the Lafayette Garage and Border Resilience projects.*

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

- *Docket #0676, Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of One Hundred Eighty-Four Million Seven Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$184,780,000.00)*



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for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments.

- *Docket #0677, Message and order authorizing an appropriation order in the amount of Two Hundred Forty Million Three Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$240,375,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools.*
- *Docket #0678, Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2025 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective government functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting 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 FY25, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police

- *Docket #0683, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).*
- *Docket #0684, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 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. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to City of Boston Code, Ordinance, 11-7.14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00)*
- *Docket #0685, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).*
- *Docket #0686, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services to support public art to*



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enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).

- *Docket #0687, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2025 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. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00).*
- *Docket #0688, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2025 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. The revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).*
- *Docket #0689, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians for children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).*
- *Docket #0690, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public School technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00).*
- *Docket #0691, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to support the maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs. Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for BPS facilities will be*



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deposited in the fund. BPS will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).

- *Docket #0692, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2025 for Boston Public School Transportation cost, including bus and public transportation costs. This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by Boston Public School Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).*
- *Docket #0693, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operating Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for the Canine Unit. The tuition and other fees by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*
- *Docket #0694, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*

Other budget-related dockets

- *Docket #0679, Message and order authorizing the appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence since January 12, 1887.*
- *Docket #0680, Message and order approving an appropriation of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund, pursuant to Section 53F ¾ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, to the PEG Access and Cable Related Grant for cable related purposes consistent with the franchise agreement between the cable operator and the city including but not limited to: (i) supporting public, educational or governmental access cable television services; (ii) monitoring compliance of cable operator with the franchise agreement; or (iii) preparation of renewal of the franchise license.*

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on April 10, 2024.



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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.

Public Testimony Public testimony is integral to the Council's budget review process. Members of the public may submit written testimony, videos, or testify live in person (for in-person hearings) or via videoconference (for all hearings). 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.

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Hearings and Working Sessions Schedule, FY25 Budget
*Dockets #0670-0678, FY25 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget
with Dockets #0679-0680 and #0683-0694 Companion Funds Hearings Noted*

UPDATED 5/2/24

All hearings will be held in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall, *unless noted otherwise*. Public testimony will be accepted at the end of each hearing, as well as at the designated public testimony hearings. The Committee will also be holding working sessions, which will not include public comment periods. Working sessions will be held in the Piemonte Room.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
4/22/24 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Administration & Finance: Operating Budget Overview Presentation (incl. Revenue)	
4/22/24 - Mon.	6:00 PM	Public Testimony	
4/23/24 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Capital Budget Overview	
4/23/24 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Office of Equity Black Male Advancement LGBTQ+ Advancement Women's Advancement	
4/25/24 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Boston Transportation Department Public Works Department	
4/25/24 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Immigrant Advancement Language & Communications Access Commission for Persons with Disabilities Human Rights Commission Fair Housing	
4/29/24 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Inspectional Services Department Property Management Public Facilities Department	
4/29/24 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Inclusion</i> ● <i>English Language Learners</i> ● <i>Special Education Services</i> ● <i>Universal Pre-K</i> 	
4/30/24 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Contracts</i> ● <i>Transportation</i> ● <i>Student Supports & Experience (Athletics, Arts, Partnerships, Music, School Meals)</i> <i>BPS Transportation Revolving Fund</i> <i>BPS Technology Revolving Fund</i>	
4/30/24 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Curriculum</i> ● <i>Hub Schools</i> ● <i>Career & College Pathways /Vocational Tech</i> ● <i>Safety</i> 	
5/2/24 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Boston Fire Department	



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5/2/24 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Returning Citizens Office of Early Childhood	
5/3/24 - Fri.	10:00 AM	Amendment Working Session 1	
5/6/24 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Consumer Affairs & Licensing Tourism, Sports and Entertainment <i>Tourism Revolving Fund</i>	Virtual
5/6/24 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Economic Opportunity & Inclusion Supplier Diversity Labor Compliance & Worker Protections	Virtual
5/7/24 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Centers for Youth & Families Boston Public Library <i>BCYF Revolving Fund</i>	
5/7/24 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Planning Department	
5/9/24 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Department of Innovation & Technology <i>PEG Access Fund</i>	
5/9/24 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Office of Police Accountability and Transparency	
5/13/24 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Boston Police Department <i>Canine Revolving Revolving Fund</i> <i>Fitness Center Revolving Fund</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mental Health & Substance Abuse Response - Firearms - Homicides - Surveillance Equipment - Cold Cases 	
5/13/24 - Mon	3:00 PM	Boston Police Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overtime - Detail System - Officer Mental Health - Central Booking 	
5/14/24 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Health Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BPHC Overview - Infectious Disease - Child Adolescent & Family Health - Violence Prevention (Including Neighborhood Trauma Team) - Behavioral Health & Wellness 	
5/14/24 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Health Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EMS - Recovery Services - Homeless Services 	
5/16/24 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Veteran Services Office of Neighborhood Services	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 311 • Office of Civic Organizing 	
5/16/24 - Thu.	6:00 PM	Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Engagement & Advancement • Age Strong Office of Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Employment and Opportunity 	Offsite
5/17/24 - Fri.	10:00 AM	Amendment Working Session 2	
5/20/24 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Parks and Recreation <i>Parkman Fund</i>	
5/20/24 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Boston Housing Authority (<i>No Budget Authority</i>) Mayor's Office of Housing	
5/21/24 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Law Treasury	
5/21/24 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Environment Department Office of Food Justice <i>Conservation Commission Revolving Fund</i> <i>Distributed Energy Revolving Fund</i>	
5/23/24 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Schools - Long-Term Facilities Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mergers/Closures • Grade Realignment • Enrollment Declines & New Arrivals • Staffing • Central Office • Hub Schools <i>BPS Facilities Revolving Fund</i>	
5/28/24 - Tue.	6:00 PM	Public Testimony	
5/30/24 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Amendment Working Session 3	
5/31/24 - Fri.	10:00 AM	Amendment Working Session 4	

Council Vote: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Admin Resubmission/Response (if required): June 7, 2024 for June 12, 2024

Resub/Response Hearings (if required): TBD Week of June 20-June 24

Council Final Vote (if required): Wednesday, June 26, 2024