

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR AN EMERGENCY HEARING TO ADDRESS INCIDENTS AT THE FUTUREBOS YOUTH JOBS & RESOURCE FAIR AND TO RESCHEDULE THE EVENT PROMPTLY

WHEREAS, the City of Boston is dedicated to providing safe and productive opportunities for youth employment and professional development; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2025, the City hosted the FutureBOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair at the Reggie Lewis Center, aiming to connect young residents with potential employers; and

WHEREAS, the event experienced significant overcrowding and insufficient security measures, including the absence of Boston Police details, which led to venue security personnel being overwhelmed during multiple altercations; and

WHEREAS, these incidents resulted in safety risks for attendees and prompted employers to depart midway through the fair to ensure the well-being of all participants; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to investigate the causes of these security lapses to prevent future occurrences and to ensure the safety and success of similar events; and

WHEREAS, due to the short time line of applying for summer jobs, it is an emergency to schedule and hold a prompt rescheduling of the Youth Jobs & Resource Fair is essential to provide the intended opportunities to Boston's youth without undue delay;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED, that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds an expedited hearing to:

1. Examine the circumstances and factors that led to the overcrowding and security deficiencies at the FutureBOS Youth Jobs & Resource Fair;
2. Gather testimony from event organizers, security personnel, attendees, and witnesses to understand the impact and identify areas for improvement;
3. Develop recommendations to enhance the planning and execution of future youth employment events, ensuring they are conducted in a safe and effective manner; and
4. Establish a timeline and actionable plan for promptly rescheduling the Youth Jobs & Resource Fair to fulfill its original purpose of connecting Boston's youth with employment opportunities.

FURTHER, that representatives from relevant city departments, event organizers, law enforcement agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders be invited to participate in this expedited hearing to provide their insights and collaborate on actionable solutions.

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