



**LEGISLATION AND PRESERVATION TOOLS SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201  
Held virtually via Zoom

**MARCH 11, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Lydia Lowe, Margaret Dyson, Chelsea Blanchard, Amanda Zettel, Jesse Purvis for Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Kathy Kottaridis, Kenzie Bok, Jean Luc Pierite, Senator Mike Rush,

**STAFF PRESENT:** Genesis Pimentel, Commemoration Commission Manager

**PUBLIC/PRESS PRESENT:**

A full recording of the meeting is available on [boston.gov/commemoration-commission](https://boston.gov/commemoration-commission)

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**SESSION BEGINS - 2:00 PM**

**I. WELCOME**

- a. Genesis Pimentel welcomed attendees.

**II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Meeting minutes were held off.

**III. ORDINANCE REVIEW, PROJECT DISCUSSION, NEXT STEPS**

- a. The group discussed potential configurations for when meetings should be open or closed to the public.
- b. The group asked to invite departments and organizations that are stakeholders in projects that relate to preservation policy and tools.
- c. The group expressed wanting to invite Squares & Streets because they are actively undertaking zoning projects across neighborhoods to get updates on their progress and learn more about their community engagement processes.

**IV. ARTICLE 85 REFRESH**

- a. Genesis Pimentel shared data from the Article 85 data project. She explained that this was shared with the Planning Department's research division. She added that there is interest in collaboration and resource sharing between Planning and Historic Preservation to create a data-driven report.



- b. The group discussed ways to make information accessible to the public in terms of where to begin nominating a landmark and how to simplify the information.
- c. There were suggestions to overlay historic districts over a map of Article 85 applications to show how historic districts and strong preservation protection reduces the need for Article 85.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. There were no public comments.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT - 2:50 PM**

- a. The meeting ended.

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