



**COMMEMORATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201

Held virtually via Zoom

**APRIL 24, 2025**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Amanda Zettel, Carolyn Goldstein, Giordana Mecagni, Imari K. Jeffries, Jean-Luc Pierite, Joe Bagley, Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Karin Goodfellow, Kathy Kottaridis, Kristen Lafferty, Lydia Lowe, Margaret Dyson, Nat Sheidley, Noelle Trent, Suzanne Taylor, Sam Tully-Chambers, Bob Allison, Faries Gray, Michael Creasey, Tatiana M.F. Cruz, Kenzie Bok, David Leonard, Kyera Singleton, Julian Viviescas for Council President Ruthzee Louijeune

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Senator Mike Rush, Juan Lopez, Juan Eusebio, Jay Ash, Lynn Smiledge, John Borders IV, Kimberly Barzola, Rebecca Tomasovic, Angela Hedley-Mitchell, Cedric Woods, Collin Knight, Dave O'Donnell, Joan Ilacqua

**STAFF PRESENT:** Genesis Pimentel, Commemoration Commission Manager; Alex Meadow, Deputy Director of Partnerships; Candace Nguyen, EEOS Executive Assistant; Lauryn Sharp, Project Archaeologist; Robert Santiago, Veteran Services Commissioner; Amy Yandle, Director of Special Events; Chelsea Blanchard, BLC Staff Architect;

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**SESSION BEGINS - 2:00 PM**

**I. WELCOME**

- a. Chairs Amanda Zettel and Jean-Luc Pierite welcomed attendees.

**II. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- a. Meeting minutes were approved.
- b. Subcommittees gave updates:
  - i. Legislation and Preservation Tools discussed their conversations around Article 85 Reform and a historic and cultural resource survey.
  - ii. Timelines, Archives, and Curricula discussed their conversations with BPS around curricular support and gave an update on how their platform to index archival institutions is going.
  - iii. Events, Exhibits, and Trails discussed their meetings with the Boston Women's Heritage Trail and the North End Black Heritage Trail.



### **III. BOSTON 250 LAUNCH REVIEW**

- a. Alex Meadow discussed the launch of Boston 250 that took place on April 18 with Paul Revere's Ride. He discussed the Boston 250 website. He discussed the partnerships and events being developed for Boston 250. Members of the Commission added to discussions about the Boston 250 Launch, including discussing media attention, the scale of the event, and how it can be improved upon for next year.

### **IV. ORDINANCE UPDATE REVIEW**

- a. Genesis Pimentel gave a presentation explaining the changes made in the amended ordinance. The presentation included a refresher on what the Commission discussed and voted on in October and introduced the changes to membership of the Commission and changes to group structure and goals.

### **V. HISTORICAL MARKERS - DISCUSSION ON NEXT STEPS**

- a. Kathy Kottaridis gave an update on the historic marker program, explaining that it is still in the early stages of development. She added that May was Preservation Month.
- b. Sarah Lawton introduced her role in the Office of Historic Preservation and in Preservation Month, explaining that OHP would be hosting a series of events to honor the month.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. There were no public comments.

### **VII. ADJOURNMENT - 3:04 PM**

- a. The meeting ended at 3:04.

Documents Presented: [boston.gov/250](https://boston.gov/250), Commemoration Commission Amendments - Ordinance Update Review presentation