



**TIMELINES, ARCHIVES, AND CURRICULA SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall Boston, MA, 02201

Held virtually via Zoom

JUNE 5, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Bagley, Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Dory Klein, Cedric Woods

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Collin Knight, Kimberly Barzola, David Leonard, Tatiana Cruz, Carolyn Goldstein, Bob Allison, Joan Ilacqua, Giordana Mecagni, Kristen Lafferty, Angela Hedley-Mitchell

STAFF PRESENT: Kayla Skillin, Archivist for Collections Management

A full recording of the meeting is available on boston.gov/commemoration-commission

SESSION BEGINS - 2:00 PM

I. WELCOME

- a. Chair Joe Bagley welcomed attendees.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting minutes were reviewed.

III. DISCUSSION WITH BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS HISTORY/SOCIAL STUDIES TEAM

- a. John Gould shared updates on how America 250 is interacting with BPS and discussed the ongoing collaboration between BPS and the Massachusetts Historical Society (MHS). Joe Bagley and John Gould may connect further on how the Archaeology team could involve students in archaeological surveys and digs. A discussion on how students can be engaged during the weekends and summer break ensued, with Gould suggesting publicizing events early, utilizing college volunteers as chaperones, seeking financial resources to incentivize the creation of summer programming, or utilizing existing summer programs and camps to expand summer events. Kaitlin Torossian stressed the importance of advance planning regarding transportation and logistics.
 - i. The group discussed opportunities for high school students to explore historical sites in the Boston area, including visits to the Harbor Islands, State Archives, and various museums. Cedric Woods mentioned UMass



Boston's pre-collegiate programs, which could be a potential audience for future events.

- b. Dory Klein presented the draft of the History Holders index being developed for the BPL website, which will provide an overview of resources in Boston for educators and visitors, with options to suggest additional resources.
- c. Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai discussed the Massachusetts Historical Society's initiatives to bridge the gap between recent academic research and classroom education. Wongsrichanalai also described their current exhibit on Lexington and Concord.
- d. Torossian suggested virtual field trips as an alternative way to bring artifacts to students, which could be recorded and shared online.
- e. The group discussed how to highlight Indigenous history in the 400th, the 250th, and in recent years.
 - i. They discussed plans for a conference marking the 350th anniversary of King Philip's War in Deerfield next fall. Cedric Woods shared information about an existing Indigenous People's Boat Tour of Boston Harbor.
 - ii. Woods inquired about the location of archival information on the Indian Imprisonment and Exclusion Act, which Bagley discussed would have been based out of Dorchester and the State House at the time it was written.
 - iii. Gould shared information about a collaborative effort between the National Park Service and Canada regarding Fort Louisbourg and Native American interactions during wars.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There were no public comments.

V. ADJOURNMENT - 3:01 PM

- a. The meeting was adjourned.

Documents Presented: Draft Website of Boston Public Library's History Holders Database