



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

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

MAY 13, 2025

BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING

6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Amodeo, Celina Barrios-Millner, David Berarducci, John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Jeffrey Heyne, Kirsten Hoffman, Felicia Jacques, Lindsey Mac-Jones, Justine Orlando (Vice-Chair), Brad Walker (Chair), Angela Ward-Hyatt.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Christopher Hart, Senam Kumahia, Fadi Samaha.

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard; Director of Design Review, Joseph Cornish; Architectural Historian, Jennifer Gaugler; Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Kathy Kottaridis; Preservation Assistant, Sarah Lawton; Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva.

6:04 PM: Commissioner Walker called the public hearing to order. He explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

Following this brief introduction the Chair announced that the Commission would transition to the election of Boston Landmarks Commission Chair and Vice-Chair.

I. ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION OF BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Commissioner Brad Walker was nominated as Chair of the Boston Landmarks Commission. Commissioner Justine Orlando was nominated as the Vice-Chair of the Boston Landmarks Commission. A vote was taken to close the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair.

Since no members present wished to make further nominations, the nominees, Brad Walker for Chair and Justine Orlando for Vice-Chair, were elected by unanimous



consent. Conclusion of Annual Meeting and Elections.

COMMISSIONER HOFFMAN MOTIONED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

COMMISSIONER AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, LMJ, CBM, AWH, JH, BW) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review petitions, study reports, and designation.

II. PETITIONS, STUDY REPORTS, & DESIGNATIONS

181.94 OLD CORNER BOOKSTORE AND CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

Public feedback on Study Report and vote to accept the study report and designate.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included existing condition photographs.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included the existing conditions of the property, an overview of the historical and architectural significance of the property, and a summary of the changes made to the study report and the submitted petition.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: Commissioners discussed the significance of the property and spoke in support of the landmark designation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul M Wright, submitted written comment in support of the designation.

Susan Wilson, submitted written comments to offer recommended changes to the study report.

Lisa Lewis, Historic Boston owner, spoke in support of the designation.

COMMISSIONER ORLANDO MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED STUDY REPORT. COMMISSIONER FREEMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, CBM, KH, JG, JA BW) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

COMMISSIONER AMODEO MOTIONED TO DESIGNATE. COMMISSIONER HEYNE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, LMJ, JG, AWH, JH, BW) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).



19 KENTON ROAD PETITION

Re-vote to accept a petition for further study.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included existing condition photographs.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included a summary of the petition, voted to accept the petition for further study in November of 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments taken.

COMMISSIONER FREEMAN MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE PETITION FOR FURTHER STUDY. COMMISSIONER AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, CBM, KH, JA, AWH, BW) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

III. HEARING MINUTES

Review and ratification of Public Hearing Minutes from 4/22/2025.

COMMISSIONER ORLANDO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER JACQUES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, JO, DB, LMJ, KH, JG, JA, BW) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

IV. STAFF UPDATES

Elizabeth Sherva, Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, announced that the next Design Review Hearing will take place at 4:00 PM and the next BLC Business Meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Also, the Boston Landmarks Commission White Stadium subcommittee will meet at the White Stadium Construction Site on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

As Chair Walker stated, public comment for the Old Corner Bookstore and Cunningham House Study Report will be extended to May 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

V. ADJOURN – 6:35 PM



City of Boston
Landmarks Commission



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Mayor Michelle Wu

**COMMISSIONER ORLANDO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING.
COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI SECONDED THE MOTION. A VOICE VOTE WAS
CALLED AND ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VOTED TO ADJOURN**