



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston, MA
held virtually via Zoom

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
October 28, 2025

OCTOBER 14, 2025

I. BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING 6:00 PM

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: John Amodeo, Celina Barrios-Millner, Christopher Hart, Kirsten Hoffman, Senam Kumahia, Fadi Samaha.

STAFF PRESENT: Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Kathy Kottaridis; Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva; Architectural Historian, Jennifer Gaugler; and Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard.

6:10 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.

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review the Ratification of Meeting Minutes.

II. HEARING MINUTES

Review and ratification of public hearing minutes from September 23, 2025 meeting.

COMMISSIONER ORLANDO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

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

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

III. PETITIONS, STUDY REPORTS, & DESIGNATIONS



JORDAN MARSH, DOWNTOWN

Survey rating upgrade & Discussion and Vote

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: No project representatives presented.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Jennifer Gaugler, BLC Architectural Historian, presented information that was submitted by a constituent along with additional research that she conducted. Documents presented included existing condition photographs, historic photographs, and a comparative analysis of other shopping centers of the same era and other buildings by the same architect. Commissioners were provided with the materials including the research and staff opinion prior to the beginning of the meeting.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included:

- Age and style of the building (Federal Revival details combined with Modernist/Moderne massing)
- Analysis from Richard Longstreth's book *The American Department Store Transformed*, 1920-1960
- Correspondence received from architectural historians and preservation consultants providing positive opinions on the building's significance
- Comparison to other shopping centers of the same period which tended to lack historicist details and be sited in the middle of a parking lot
- Comparison to other works by the same firm of the era which tended to be more straightforwardly historicist
- In comparison, Boston's Jordan Marsh store is a distinct experiment of the combination of historical motifs on a streamlined modern form in a tight urban environment

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Commissioners discussed the following:

- Which portions of the building are being considered for the survey rating?
- Dates of construction
- Architects for the building are still in operation; how their work is reflected in New England

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was taken.

**COMMISSIONER HEYNE MOVED TO UPGRADE THE SURVEY RATING.
COMMISSIONER JACQUES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 9-0-0 (Y:
FJ, JF, JO, DB, BW, LMJ, JG, AWH, JH) (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 October 28, 2025.

V. ADJOURN – 6:50 PM

**COMMISSIONER GONYEAU MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING.
COMMISSIONER WARD HYATT SECONDED THE MOTION. A VOICE VOTE WAS
CALLED AND ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VOTED IN FAVOR.**