



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

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

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
June 23, 2026

JUNE 9, 2026

I. BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING

6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: *John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Jeffrey Heyne, Kirsten Hoffman, Felicia Jacques, Justine Orlando (Vice-Chair), Brad Walker (Chair).*

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: *John Amodeo, Christopher Hart, Senam Kumahia, Lindsey Mac-Jones, and Angela Ward-Hyatt.*

STAFF PRESENT: *Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard; Preservation Assistant, Sarah Lawton, and Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva.*

6:05 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 May 26, 2026 have been postponed.

Following this brief introduction Commissioner Walker called the first Demolition Delay application.

III. ARTICLE 85 DEMOLITION DELAY HEARING

D.26.0010

ADDRESS: 5 ASHLAND STREET, DORCHESTER

Proposed demolition of | Discussion and Vote



PROPERTY REPRESENTATIVE: Ray Boghos was the applicant.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included existing condition photographs, neighborhood context photographs, and aerial map images.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included an overview of the buildings conditions, the historical and architectural significance of the building, an overview of the Article 85 demolition delay significance criteria, details regarding the Harrison Square Historic District, an overview of the architectural styles that are prominent in the historic district and Ashland Street specifically.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Commissioners discussed the building's current condition and architectural style, design plans for the proposed new building, and a summary of alterations made to the building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: An abutter from Everett St, spoke in opposition to the demolition delay.

Jeff Cronin, submitted a written comment in support of invoking the demolition delay.

COMMISSIONER FREEMAN MOTIONED TO INVOKE A DEMOLITION DELAY. COMMISSIONER HEYNE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 7-0-0 (Y: JF, JG, JH, KH, FJ, JO, 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 5:00 PM, and the next BLC Business Meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 26, 2026.

V. ADJOURN – 6:45 PM

COMMISSIONER HEYNE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING. COMMISSIONER FREEMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. A VOICE VOTE WAS CALLED AND ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VOTED TO ADJOURN.