



Black Male
Advancement

Boston Black Men and Boys Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Bruce C. Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St, Roxbury, MA

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Attended

1. Frank Farrow – Executive Director, BMA
2. Devin Morris - Vice Chair, BMBC
3. Jakhi Dean – Secretary, BMBC
4. Anthony Richards II
5. James Mackey
6. Andre Barbour
7. Richard Claytor
8. Dr. Antione Salvador
9. Dr. Rufus Faulk
10. Rudy Luders
11. Dr. Richard Kelly Cameron
12. Shareef Smith
13. Laurence Justice
14. Hasan Muhammed
15. Noah Tewolde

Absent

1. Maddrey Goode - Chair, BMBC
2. Tony Brewer
3. William Dickerson
4. Piter Brandao
5. Jerel Ferguson
6. Ailson Carvalho
7. Malik Aziz

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Devin Morris at 6:43pm
- Commissioners present and quorum confirmed.

April 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Approved

BMA Updates

- MBK Youth Summit
 - Over 100 students from schools throughout Boston and Chelsea High School
 - Breakout Sessions
 - Real Estate
 - Financial Literacy

- Building Trades
 - Boston Debate League
 - Every student that attended Summit received a ticket to a future Patriots game
- BPHC Black Men's Health Activation Summit
 - June 3, 2026 @ UMass Boston
 - LiveLongWell Agenda
 - Working sessions, advisory committee, and an annual \$1 million investment
- Father's Day Celebration
 - June 17th 6pm @ Bolling Building
 - Evening mixer event
 - Music
 - Food
 - Networking
 - Resources
 - "6-17" meaning
 - Spread the word and show up
 - Little ones welcome
- Equity Study
 - Phase 2 RFP launched
 - Workers Empowerment
 - BPS
 - Office of Housing
 - How do the budget programs benefit Black Men and Boys + the gaps that exist
- Data Dashboard Preview
 - In July
 - Updates are being sent to the commission to preview it
- Commissioner Stipends
 - Being finalized internally first, but everyone will receive email within next week on what needs to be done on commissioner end
 - Stipends should be expected by end of June

City Council Updates

- Brian Worrell, City Councilor, District 4
 - Budgets
 - Capital
 - Capital budget passed, but going forward, make sure that districts with higher concentrations have more equitable investments.
 - BPS
 - Voted no on BPS budget
 - Voted no on BTU budget
 - Operating
 - All of equity cabinet grants were cut

- Councilors stood up and wanted more time to discuss chair committee report because of what was seen at the working sessions
 - Working sessions changed a lot of what was presented at today's hearing
 - New vote is next week on June 10th
- Council looking to restore equity cabinet grants
- Tomorrow, June 4th hearing on parking minimums
 - If you are building a new development inside the city, you don't have to build parking

Executive Committee Updates

- Budget Letter
 - Every year and this past November
 - Significant budget cuts across city and state
 - Office took a hit in proposed budget \$500,000
 - Advocating for **LEVEL** funding from city council and Mayor's office
 - City council scheduled to vote today on budget, but pushed out to next week
 - May 12th 2026 Letter:
 - [PDF Budget Statement](#)
 - Sent along and shared at last city council hearing
 - Should have updates within next week
- Commission Openings
 - Last formal public commission meeting for a few members
 - If you or somebody you know should be or would like to be involved, please talk to BMA Staff
- Commission Retreat
 - Next full meeting is August 5th
 - Commission Retreat
 - Committee leads
 - Tentative July 1st or July 8th for meetings

Committee Report Out

- **Economic Opportunity & Workers Empowerment**
 - Engagement @ The Mix
 - Access and Navigation
 - Over 40% of audience expressed uncertainty on where to start
 - Personalized guidance of networking portion
- **Health and Wellness & Fatherhood and Families**
 - Attended the Men's Health Summit
 - Went through dynamics and impacts on health issues, mainly mental health and the widened disparities
- **Community Safety & Returning Citizens**

- Internal conversations with Violence Intervention Office
 - Moving forward, communication and updates on what's happening with funding and resources with violence intervention
- Not happy with news of summer plan from the media
- Planning on reaching out to committee, and we have a few people to include in that conversation
- **Affordable Housing**
 - Really impressive resource
 - COB provided announcement and guidance of up to \$50,000 for first time homebuyers to utilize for down payment assistance
 - Impactful for acquiring wealth
 - Promoting the down payment assistance products in minority communities
 - One of largest initiatives in the country
 - Boston.gov landing page to click the link and identify if you qualify
- **Education & Youth Advancement**
 - Educator Diversity Act implementation phase
 - Formal commitment from the government, but the implementation is not good
 - Principals and teachers shared personal experiences and importance of Black and Brown educators
 - June 10 school committee meeting
 - Advocate for youth
 - Need to support and make sure they have the funds needed
 - Commissioners can provide testimony in person or virtually
 - Get on early and reserve space to share opinion
 - Black educators are losing jobs due to the budget cuts
- **Equity & Racial Justice**
 - n/a

Adjournment

- 8:07pm - Motion to adjourn by Andre Barbour
- Laurence Justice seconded