



Black Male
Advancement

Boston Black Men and Boys Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Bruce C. Bolling Building, 2300 Washington St, Roxbury, MA
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Attended

1. Frank Farrow – Executive Director, BMA
2. Maddrey Goode - Chair, BMBC
3. Richard Claytor - Vice Chair, BMBC
4. Jakhi Dean – Secretary, BMBC
- 5.. Dr. Rufus Faulk
6. Rudy Luders
7. Malik Aziz
8. Laurence Justice
9. Hasan Muhammed
10. Dr. Antoine Salvador
11. Shareef Smith
12. Alex Edwards
13. Desmond Kennard
14. Matthew Gibson
15. Reginald Jean
16. Stanley Greene
17. Abridal Forrester

Absent

1. Bishop William E. Dickerson, II
2. Jerel Ferguson
3. Dr. Richard Kelly Cameron
4. Noah Tewolde
5. Ron Marlow

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Maddrey Goode at 6:29pm
- Commissioners present and quorum confirmed.

June 2026 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve by Richard Claytor
 - Seconded by Dr. Rufus Faulk

New Commissioners Welcome

BMA Updates

- Equity study phase 1 briefing and phase 2 update

- “Phase I: Community needs assessment grounded in the voices of 2,659 Black men and community stakeholders - Mayor Michelle Wu, the Office of Black Male Advancement, and the Black Men and Boys Commission today announced the completion and release of the Phase 1 brief of the Black Male Equity Study—a comprehensive, community-driven assessment examining the lived experiences, barriers, and opportunities for Black men and boys across Boston neighborhoods. The full Phase 1 brief is publicly available here.”
 - More information on <https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement>
- Phase 2 will look at Housing, BPS, and Office of Workforce Development for how Black Men and Boys are fairing in the City
 - Looking to improve outcomes for Black Men and Boys
 - Looking at data from 2022-present
- “Phase II will provide the City with a final report detailing the findings and recommendations of the study, including but not limited to an in depth review of priority Boston Public Schools, Office of Worker Empowerment, and Office of Housing programs and services, the legal framework for disparity studies, determinations as to whether a statistically significant disparity exists for Black male residents of Boston among Boston Public Schools, Office of Worker Empowerment, and Office of Housing programs and services, methodology used to arrive at these determinations, and recommendations based on the results of the study. The Office of Black Male Advancement expects to publicize the report in May of 2026.”
 - More information on <https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement>
- Data Dashboard
 - A centralized data dashboard showcasing data from City departments that serve them, and an asset map related to services for which Black male residents in Boston are eligible
 - <https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement#data-dashboard->
- Resource Guide
 - Spans across 30 city departments and over 100 programs and resources that any Black male in City of Boston can benefit from
 - <https://www.boston.gov/departments/black-male-advancement/black-male-advancement-resource-guide>
- Community Empowerment Grant
 - Now live, up to \$25,000 to community based organizations
 - Mentoring
 - Wealth building

- Homeownership
 - Fatherhood engagement
- HBCU Fair
 - October 15th @ Reggie Lewis Center 9:00am-2:00pm
- Project Opportunity Fall Job and Resource Fair
 - In partnership with MassHire
 - October 27 @ Bruce C. Bolling Building 10:00am
- BPHC Black Men's Health Funding
 - \$1 million Black Men Health RFP
 - Funding as a result of years of advocacy from BMBC
 - Up to \$250,000 to organizations to increase longevity of Black Men and contribute to outcomes
 - "BOSTON - Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - Tuesday, October 6, 2026 – Mayor Michelle Wu, the City of Boston, and Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) issued a [Request for Proposals \(RFP\)](#) to improve Black Men's health as part of the City's Live Long and Well population health equity agenda. Earlier this year, BPHC committed \$1 million to help close the nine-year life expectancy gap between Black men and other men in Boston. For this RFP, up to four qualified organizations will receive a maximum amount of \$250,000 for initiatives that improve life expectancy, chronic disease, and access to care for Black men."

City Council Updates

- N/a

Executive Committee Updates

- Meeting Cadence
- Bylaws
- Ordinance
- Conflict of Interest
 - Be aware of any appearance of a conflict of interest
- BMBC Charter
 - Commission will discuss and vote on charter at December meeting

Committee Working Sessions

- 45 minute small group sessions

Committee Report Out

- **Economic Opportunity & Workers Empowerment**
 - Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting
- **Health and Wellness & Fatherhood and Families**
 - Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting
- **Community Safety & Returning Citizens**
 - Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting
- **Affordable Housing**

- Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting
- **Education & Youth Advancement**
 - Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting
- **Equity & Racial Justice**
 - Will have policy and budget recommendations for following meeting

Adjournment

- 8:20pm - Motion to adjourn by Maddrey Goode
 - Richard Claytor seconded