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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

May 23, 2025

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY26 recommended budget, as well as various relevant budget-related dockets, according to the attached schedule. These hearings will take place in the **Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall**, unless noted otherwise.

The subjects of the hearings are:

Orders for the FY26 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

- *Docket #0822, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2026.*
- *Docket #0823, message and order for annual appropriation for the School Department for FY2026.*
- *Docket #0824, message and order approving an appropriation of Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00) to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund.*

Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations.

- *Docket #0825, message and order approving an appropriation of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.*
- *Docket #0826, message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for Dorchester Field House, General Parks Improvement, Restroom Facility Improvements at the Boston Common, and the Municipal Animal Shelter.*
- *Docket #0827, message and order approving an appropriation order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from the Parking Facility Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, maintenance and construction, for the parking facilities.*

Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements.

- *Docket #0828, message and order approving an appropriation of Two Hundred Sixty Six Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$266,100,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, Boston Public Library, Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments.*



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- Docket #0829, message and order approving an appropriation in the amount of One Hundred Ninety Six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$196,900,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.
- Docket #0830, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2026 in an amount not to exceed Forty Million Dollars (\$40,000,000.00). These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and component of the foregoing.

Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY26, including Arts & Culture, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police, Law, Tourism, and Environment.

- Docket #0831, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
- Docket #0832, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for Boston Public School Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).
- Docket #0833, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).
- Docket #0834, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support events and programming on and around City Hall Plaza to advance tourism and promote participation in public celebrations, civic, and cultural events, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).
- Docket #0835, message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2026 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientists, wildlife biologists, or other experts in order to aid in the review of proposed projects to the Commission, per the City's ordinance protecting local wetland and promoting climate change adaptation, with expenditures not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).
- Docket #0836, message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to facilitate the purchase of offsets of greenhouse gas emissions which shall be associated with a portion of the electricity consumed by the City annually, and to operate, maintain, monitor, and expand the City's existing solar arrays and Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).



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- Docket #0837, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care, with expenditures not to exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).
- Docket #0838, message and order authorizing the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property, with expenditures not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- Docket #0839, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).
- Docket #0840, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).
- Docket #0841, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston, with expenditures not to exceed Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).
- Docket #0842, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2026 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre, with expenditures not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).
- Docket #0843, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2025 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre, with expenditures not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).

Other budget-related dockets.

- Docket #0844, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Three Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,600,000.00) from the 21st Century Fund, also known as the Public, Educational, or Governmental (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund, pursuant to Section 53F $\frac{3}{4}$ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws for cable related purposes including supporting PEG access services, monitoring compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and preparation of renewal of the franchise license.
- Docket #0845, message and order authorizing an appropriation of One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) from the George Francis Parkman Fund for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and parks in existence since January 12, 1887.

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on April 9, 2025.



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Public Testimony Public testimony is integral to the Council's budget review process and highly encouraged by the Council. Members of the public may submit written testimony, prerecorded videos, or testify via videoconference or live in person. All forms of testimony will be made a part of the record and available to all Councilors for review. Additional information is available at: [FY2026 City Council Legislative Budget Review](http://boston.gov/council-budget) (boston.gov/council-budget).

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Hearings Schedule, FY26 Budget

REVISED: 5/23/25

All hearings will be held in the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall, *unless noted otherwise*. Public testimony will be accepted at the end of each hearing, as well as at the designated public testimony hearings. The Committee will also be holding working sessions, which will not include public comment periods.

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS
4/14/25 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inclusion - Multilingual Learners - Special Education Services - Curriculum (CTE, Literacy, Math) - Post-Secondary Outcomes 	
4/14/25 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arts and Music - Health and Wellness - School Meals - Athletics - Wrap-around Programs 	
4/15/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mergers/Closures - Facilities - HUB Schools - Transportation - New Arrivals - Unhoused Students BPS Facilities Revolving Fund BPS Transportation Revolving Fund	
4/15/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partnerships - External Funds - Central Office - Contracts / Staffing BPS Technology Revolving Fund	
4/17/25 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Operating Overview	
4/17/25 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Capital Overview	
4/22/25 - Tue.	6:00 PM	Public Testimony	VIRTUAL
4/28/25 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Office of Equity Black Male Advancement Women's Advancement Fair Housing and Equity	
4/28/25 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Immigrant Advancement Language and Communications Access (LCA) Commission for Persons with Disabilities Human Rights Commission LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement	VIRTUAL



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4/29/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Economic Opportunity and Inclusion (OEI) Supplier Diversity	
4/29/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Consumer Affairs and Licensing Tourism, Sports and Entertainment <i>Tourism Revolving Fund</i>	
5/1/25 – Thu.	10:00 AM	Department of Innovation & Technology (DOIT) <i>PEG Access Fund</i>	
5/1/25 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Environment Department Office of Food Justice <i>Conservation Commission Revolving Fund</i> <i>Distributed Energy Revolving Fund</i>	
5/5/25 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Property Management Public Facilities Department (PFD)	
5/5/25 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT)	
5/6/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Office of Human Services • <i>Office of Early Childhood</i> <i>BCYF Revolving Fund</i>	
5/6/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Library (BPL) <i>Arts & Culture Revolving Fund</i>	
5/8/25 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) - <i>BPHC Overview</i> - <i>Infectious Disease</i> - <i>Child Adolescent and Family Health</i> - <i>Violence Prevention</i> - <i>Behavioral Health and Wellness</i>	
5/8/25 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) - <i>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</i> - <i>Recovery Services</i> - <i>Homeless Services</i>	
5/12/25 - Mon.	10:00 AM	Planning Department	
5/12/25 - Mon.	2:00 PM	Labor Compliance and Worker Protections Law Department <i>Law Revolving Fund</i>	
5/13/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Boston Fire Department (BFD)	
5/13/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	People Operations Election Department	
5/15/25 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Boston Police Department (BPD) - <i>Mental Health and Substance Abuse Response</i> - <i>Community Policing</i> - <i>Firearms</i> - <i>Homicides</i> - <i>Crime Lab</i> <i>Canine Revolving Fund</i> <i>Fitness Center Revolving Fund</i>	



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5/15/25 - Thu.	2:00 PM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Overtime</i> - <i>Detail System</i> - <i>Officer Mental Health</i> - <i>Diversity and Recruiting</i> 	
5/19/25 - Mon	2:00 PM	Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Office of Returning Citizens</i> 	
5/19/25 - Mon.	6:00 PM	Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) Boston Housing Authority (Capital Plan and Federal Funds)	
5/20/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Parks and Recreation <i>Parkman Fund</i>	
5/20/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Boston Transportation Department (BTD) Public Works Department (PWD)	VIRTUAL
5/22/25 - Thu.	10:00 AM	Age Strong Veteran Services	CANCELLED
5/22/25 - Thu.	5:00 PM	Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Youth Engagement and Advancement</i> Office of Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Youth Options Unlimited (YOU)</i> Youth Employment and Opportunity	
5/27/25 - Tue.	10:00 AM	Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>311</i> • <i>Office of Civic Organizing</i> <i>SPARK Boston</i>	
5/27/25 - Tue.	2:00 PM	Treasury Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Collecting Division</i> Participatory Budget (PB)	
5/28/25 - Wed.	10:00 AM	Age Strong Veterans Services	GROVE HALL SENIOR CENTER
5/28/25 - Wed.	6:00 PM	Public Testimony	

Council Vote: Wednesday June 4, 2025

Admin Resubmission/Response (if required): June 9, 2025 for June 11, 2025

Resub/Response Hearings (if required): TBD Week of June 20-June 24

Council Final Vote (if required): Wednesday June 25, 2025