



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston, MA
held virtually via Zoom

APPROVED BY COMMISSION
November 12, 2025

OCTOBER 28, 2025

I. DESIGN REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE 5:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: David Berarducci, Jeffrey Heyne, Justine Orlando
(Vice-Chair)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Brad Walker (Chair)

STAFF PRESENT: Staff Architect, Chelsea Blanchard; Director of Design Review, Joseph Cornish; Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Kathy Kottaridis; and Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva.

A full recording of the hearing is available at [Boston.gov/landmarks](https://boston.gov/landmarks).

5:05 PM: Commissioner Berarducci called the Design Review Subcommittee 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.

Following this brief introduction he called the first Design Review application.

APP # 26.0153 BLC

ADDRESS: COMMONWEALTH AVENUE MALL

Applicant: Liza Meyer

Proposed Work: Commemorative signage on the Arlington Street Fence at the Mall.

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVES: Liza Meyer, of the Friends of the Public Garden, was the project representative.

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included presentation with photographs and photosimulations.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included the placement of the plaque on



the existing granite post, either facing north (towards the walkway entrance) or west (facing inwards onto the mall). Plaque to be permanently mounted, granite surface to be smoothed to receive plaque.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Commissioners discussed locations for installing the plaque on either the facing north/threshold side of the post, or on the west/inward facing side. They also discussed that the granite post is a later addition to the Mall and is not part of a historic fence and therefore doesn't set a precedent with signage. There was some concern about the grinding off of the rough stone, and the threat of the plaque being stolen. The commissioners inquired about the material of the sign, which will be true bronze. Commissioners decided to recommend approval with the provisos that the plaque be placed on the west (inward) side of the granite post and that details of plaque and mounting are remanded to staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER BERARDUCCI RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION WITH PROVISOs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

APP #26.0339 BSR	174 BAY STATE ROAD: At front facade repair existing fire escape.
APP #26.0319 BLC	1 FRANKLIN PARK ROAD: At Franklin Park Zoo, erect a 100 foot long greenhouse structure.
APP #26.0322 BLC	QUINCY MARKET, 206 SOUTH MARKET STREET: At the portico install 10 double-sided banners using a new cable system.
APP #26.0360 BLC	SOUTH MARKET BUILDING, 100-199 FANEUIL HALL MARKETPLACE: At front facade install wall sign.
APP #26.0275 BLC	20 NORTH STREET: At front facade replace existing wall sign and blade sign.
APP #26.0103 SB	110 ST. BOTOLPH STREET: Replace 26 existing windows with one over one black vinyl windows.



COMMISSIONER BERARDUCCI RECOMMENDED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS.

ADJOURN – 5:15 PM

II. BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING 6:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: John Amodeo, Celina Barrios-Millner, David Berarducci, John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Jeffrey Heyne, Kirsten Hoffman, Felicia Jacques, Justine Orlando (Vice-Chair), Angela Ward-Hyatt.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Christopher Hart, Senam Kumahia, Lindsey Mac-Jones, Fadi Samaha, and Brad Walker (Chair).

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

6:00 PM: Commissioner Orlando called the public hearing to order. She 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. She also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. Member of the press Alison Pultinus (Fenway News) made herself known.

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

III. HEARING MINUTES

Review and ratification of Public Hearing Minutes from October 14, 2025 meeting.

COMMISSIONER BERADUCCI MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

COMMISSIONER HEYNE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 7-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, DB, KH, JG, JA, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

Following this brief introduction Commissioner Berarducci summarized the design review items from the Design Review Subcommittee Meeting.

IV. DESIGN REVIEW RECAP & VOTE



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THE PLAQUE BE PLACED ON THE WEST (INWARD) SIDE OF THE GRANITE POST AND THAT DETAILS OF PLAQUE AND MOUNTING ARE REMANDED TO STAFF.

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review Administrative Review/Approval applications.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW/APPROVAL

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COMMISSIONER BERARDUCCI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ITEMS. COMMISSIONER GONYEAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 8-0-0 (Y: FJ, JF, DB, KH, JA, AWH, JH, JO) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).



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

VI. PETITIONS, STUDY REPORTS, & DESIGNATIONS

25 PARK STREET, DORCHESTER

Survey Rating Upgrade & Discussion and Vote

DOCUMENTS PRESENTED: Documents presented included continuation pages for the 25 Park Street inventory form.

DISCUSSION TOPICS: Discussion topics included the proposed rating being at a state level of significance.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS: Commissioners discussed why state and not national significance. Staff recommended state level significance but it may be upgraded based on further research.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER FREEMAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SURVEY RATING OF LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE/ THE AMENDED STUDY REPORT. COMMISSIONER JACQUES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 0-0-0 (Y: CBM, DB, JF, JG, KH, FJ, JO, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).

VII. STAFF UPDATES

Elizabeth Sherva, Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, noted that due to the observance of Veterans Day, the next BLC meeting will be on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at (6:00).

VIII. ADJOURN – 6:27 PM

COMMISSIONER BERARDUCCI MOVED TO ADJOURN. COMMISSIONER AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.