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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

April 28, 2026

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY27 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 FY27 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

- *Docket #0733, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2027.*
- *Docket #0734, message and order for annual appropriation for the School Department for FY2027.*
- *Docket #0735, 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 #0736, message and order approving an appropriation of Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) 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 #0737, message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction of coastal resilience solutions around the City.*

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

- *Docket #0738, message and order approving an appropriation of Three Hundred Eighty-Four Million Seven Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$384,705,000.00) 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, Planning, Property Management, Public Health Commission, Public Works, and the Transportation Departments.*
- *Docket #0739, message and order approving an appropriation in the amount of Thirteen Million Eight Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$13,855,000.00) for various capital improvements purposes for the Boston Public Schools.*
- *Docket #0740, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2027 in an amount not to exceed*



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Twenty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$28,500,000.00). 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 FY27, including Arts & Culture, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police, Law, Tourism, Transportation, and Environment.

- *Docket #0741, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0742, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0743, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0744, message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0745, message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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).*
- *Docket #0746, message and order authorizing a limit for the Equitable Emission Investment (BERDO) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to incur liabilities against and spend monies from such fund consistent with the Ordinance, with expenditures not to exceed One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00).*
- *Docket #0747, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 One Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,100,000.00).*



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- *Docket #0748, message and order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property, with expenditures not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).*
- *Docket #0749, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0750, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0751, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0752, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0753, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 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 #0754, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Transportation Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2027 to support the operation of the bikeshare program within the City of Boston, with expenditures not to exceed One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00).*

Other budget-related dockets.

- *Docket #0756, message and order authorizing an appropriation of One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) from the George Francis Parkman Fund for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and parks in existence since January 12, 1887.*
- *Docket #0757, 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 ¾ 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.*

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on April 8, 2026.



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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: [FY2027 City Council Legislative Budget Review \(boston.gov/council-budget\)](http://boston.gov/council-budget).

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Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means Hearings Schedule, FY27 Budget

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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. Working sessions will be held in the **Curley Room**, *unless noted otherwise*.

| DATE | TIME | DEPARTMENT | COMMENTS |
|----------------|----------|--|----------|
| 4/14/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Operating Overview | |
| 4/14/26 - Tue. | 2:00 PM | Capital Overview | |
| 4/16/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chronic Absenteeism ● Unhoused Students ● Student Supports ● Athletics ● Alternate Education ● Career and Technical Education/Early College | |
| 4/16/26 - Thu. | 2:00 PM | Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food Service ● Safety ● Office of Human Resources/Staffing ● Transportation <i>BPS Facilities Revolving Fund</i> <i>BPS Transportation Revolving Fund</i> <i>BPS Technology Revolving Fund</i> | |
| 4/17/26 - Fri. | 10:00 AM | Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inclusion ● Multilingual Learners ● Special Education ● Curriculum ● Partnerships ● Summer Programming ● Family and Community Outreach ● Mergers and Closures | |
| 4/22/26 - Wed. | 10:00 AM | Environment Department <i>Conservation Commission Revolving Fund</i> <i>Distributed Energy Revolving Fund</i> <i>Building Emissions Reduction and Disclosure Ordinance (BERDO) Revolving Fund</i> Office of Food Justice | |
| 4/23/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Labor Compliance and Worker Protections Law Department <i>Property Damage Revolving Fund</i> | |
| 4/23/26 - Thu. | 2:00 PM | Office of Participatory Budgeting | |
| 4/27/26 - Mon. | 10:00 AM | Department of Innovation and Technology <i>PEG Access Fund</i> | |
| 4/27/26 - Mon. | 2:00 PM | Mayor's Office of Housing | |



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| 4/28/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Neighborhood Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 311 ● SPARK Boston ● Office of Civic Organizing | |
| 4/28/26 - Tue. | 6:00 PM | Public Testimony Session #1 | |
| 4/30/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Supplier Diversity | |
| 4/30/26 - Thu. | 2:00 PM | Consumer Affairs and Licensing Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment <i>Tourism Revolving Fund</i> Office of Arts and Culture <i>Strand Theater Revolving Fund</i> <i>Public Art Revolving Fund</i> | |
| 5/1/26 - Fri. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #1 | |
| 5/4/26 - Mon. | 10:00 AM | Boston Transportation Department <i>Bikeshare Revolving Fund</i> Public Works Department | |
| 5/4/26 - Mon. | 2:00 PM | Inspectional Services Department Property Management Public Facilities Department | |
| 5/5/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Planning | |
| 5/5/26 - Tue. | 3:00 PM | Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Engagement and Advancement Office of Workforce Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Options Unlimited Youth Employment and Opportunity | |
| 5/7/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Boston Police Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mental Health and Substance Abuse Response ● Community Policing ● Firearms ● Homicides ● Crime Lab <i>Canine Revolving Fund</i> <i>Fitness Center Revolving Fund</i> | |
| 5/7/26 - Thu. | 2:00 PM | Boston Police Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overtime ● Detail System ● Officer Mental Health ● Diversity and Recruiting | |
| 5/11/26 - Mon. | 10:00 AM | Boston Fire Department | |
| 5/11/26 - Mon. | 2:00 PM | Parks and Recreation Department <i>Parkman Fund</i> | |
| 5/12/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Office of Equity Black Male Advancement Fair Housing and Equity Women's Advancement | |



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| 5/12/26 - Tue. | 2:00 PM | Office for Immigrant Advancement Office of Language and Communications Access Commission for Persons with Disabilities LGBTQIA2S+ Advancement | |
| 5/14/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Age Strong Boston VETS Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Returning Citizens | |
| 5/14/26 - Thu. | 2:00 PM | Election Department | |
| 5/15/26 - Fri. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #2 | |
| 5/18/26 - Mon. | 10:00 AM | Office of Police Accountability and Transparency | |
| 5/18/26 - Mon. | 2:00 PM | Boston Centers for Youth and Families <i>City Hall Child Care Revolving Fund</i> Office of Human Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Office of Early Childhood | |
| 5/19/26 - Tue. | 2:00 PM | Boston Public Library | |
| 5/21/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Boston Public Health Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● BPHC Overview ● EMS ● Recovery Services ● Homeless Services | |
| 5/21/26 - Thu. | 3:00 PM | Boston Public Health Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Infectious Disease ● Child Adolescent and Family Health ● Violence Prevention ● Behavioral Health and Wellness | |
| 5/26/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Capital #2 Assessing Department Auditing Department Treasury Department | |
| 5/26/26 - Tue. | 6:00 PM | Public Testimony Session #2 | |
| 5/27/26 - Wed. | 10:00 AM | <i>Carryover</i> | |
| 5/27/26 - Wed. | 2:00 PM | <i>Carryover</i> | |
| 5/28/26 - Thu. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #3 | |
| 5/29/26 - Fri. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #4 | |
| 6/1/26 - Mon.. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #5 | |
| 6/2/26 - Tue. | 10:00 AM | Working Session #6 | |



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(Probable) Council Vote: Wednesday June 3, 2026

Admin Resubmission/Response (if required): June 8, 2026 for June 10, 2026

Resubmission/Response Hearings (if required): TBD Week of June 17-June 23

Council Final Vote (if required): Wednesday June 24, 2026