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## COMMITTEE WORKING SESSIONS NOTICE

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May 4, 2021

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold working sessions on the FY22 recommended budget, as well as various relevant budget-related dockets, according to the attached **updated** schedule.

The subjects of the working sessions are:

***Orders for the FY22 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).***

- *Docket #0524, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2022.*
- *Docket #0525, message and order for annual appropriation for the School Department for FY2022.*
- *Docket #0526, 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 #0527, message and order approving an appropriation of Eight Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,600,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund in order to provide funding for various transportation and public realm improvements, to be credited to the Capital Grant fund from the Parking Meter Fund.*
- *Docket #0528, message and order approving an appropriation of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) 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, to be credited to the Capital Grant Fund from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.*

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

- *Docket #0529, message and order approving an appropriation of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Million Six Hundred Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$237,654,000.00) for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repairs of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or*



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*engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of various city departments including Boston Centers for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Neighborhood Development, Office of Arts and Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works and Transportation Departments, Boston Public Library, Boston Redevelopment Authority, and Public Health Commission.*

- *Docket #0530, message and order approving an appropriation Fifty Million Four Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$50,438,000.00) for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation, or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repairs of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and any and all cost incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of the Boston Public Schools.*
- *Docket #0531, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2022 in an amount not to exceed Thirty-One Million Dollars (\$31,000,000.00), funds from which to be used by various city departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions, with equipment to include 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 components of the foregoing.*

## **Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY22, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police.**

- *Docket #0532, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to support maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building tie, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).*
- *Docket #0533, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology,*



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*including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software, with expenditures not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00).*

- *Docket #0534, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 for Boston Public Schools Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0535, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 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 #0536, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 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 #0537, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 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 Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$850,000.00).*
- *Docket #0538, message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2022 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 #0539, message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2022 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 #0540, message and order authorizing the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property, with expenditures not to exceed Two Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00).*
- *Docket #0541, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00).*



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- *Docket #0542, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre, with expenditures not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).*
- *Docket #0543, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 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 Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).*

### **Other budget-related dockets.**

- *Docket #0544, 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.*
- *Docket #0545, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000.00) from the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 #0546, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) from the Boston Equity Fund to create a special revenue project grant to support equity applicants and licensees to establish and operate a cannabis business in the City of Boston, pursuant to City of Boston Ordinances Chapter 8, Section 13.*

These matters were sponsored by Acting Mayor Kim Janey and were referred to the Committee on April 14, 2021.

NOTICE: The Boston City Council may have a quorum in attendance due to standing committees of the City Council consisting of both voting and non-voting members. However, members attending this duly posted meeting are participating and deliberating only in conjunction with the business of the standing committee.

**Attendance** In accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law and relieving public bodies of certain requirements, including the requirement that public bodies conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, the City Council will be conducting this hearing virtually. This enables the City Council to carry out its responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations and ensuring



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public access to its deliberations through adequate, alternative means. The public may watch these hearings via live-stream at [www.boston.gov/city-council-tv](http://www.boston.gov/city-council-tv) and via broadcast on Xfinity 8/RCN 82/Fios 964.

**Public Testimony** With the exception of the Community Working Session, there will be no public participation period for these working sessions. Please see the budget hearing schedule to sign up or submit testimony for a budget hearing.

For the Committee:

Kenzie Bok, Chair

Committee on Ways and Means

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### Working Sessions Schedule, FY22 Budget

*Dockets #0524-0531, FY22 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget  
with Dockets #0532-0546 Companion Funds Hearings Noted*

#### UPDATED 5/4/21

All working sessions will be held virtually via Zoom, unless and until noticed otherwise. With the exception of the Community Working Session, working sessions are meant for Councilor discussion and will not include public participation. Committee hearings on the budget, at which public testimony is encouraged, will be noticed separately.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
4/26/21 – Mon	4:00PM	Community Working Session: What are Your Questions on the Budget?	
4/30/21 – Fri	10:00AM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <i>BPD Revolving Funds: #0535 Canine, #0536 Fitness Center</i> Environment Department <i>Environment Revolving Funds: #0538 Distributed Energy Resource, #0539 Conservation Commission</i> Conservation Commission Landmarks Commission	
5/4/21 – Tues	2:00PM	BPS Commitment #1 (I & II): Eliminate Opportunity & Achievement Gaps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OAG Policy Alignment, Implementation, Progress</li> <li>• Workforce Diversity</li> <li>• Curriculum Bias Review</li> <li>• Code of Conduct Implementation, Disproportionality</li> <li>• Social/Emotional Learning &amp; Wellness</li> <li>• Family Liaisons, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Nurses</li> <li>• Trauma/Crisis Response</li> <li>• Behavioral &amp; Mental Health Supports</li> <li>• HERN</li> <li>• Inclusion</li> <li>• SPED/SPED Transitions</li> <li>• ELL &amp; Bilingual Education Plan</li> <li>• Tutoring, Vacation, and Summer Programming</li> </ul> Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) <i>BCYF Revolving Fund: #0537 City Hall Child Care</i> Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE)	
5/6/21 – Thurs	10:00AM	Library (BPL) Office of Food Access (OFA) Office of Language and Communications Access (LCA) Office of Immigrant Advancement (OIA) Human Rights Commission (HRC) Age Strong Commission	



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5/7/21 – Fri	10:00AM	<p>BPS Commitment #2: Accelerate Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Education, incl. Universal Pre-K</li> <li>• Office of Elementary Schools</li> <li>• Office of Secondary Schools</li> <li>• Excellence for All &amp; AWC</li> <li>• Science Education</li> <li>• Literacy</li> <li>• Vocational Education</li> <li>• Art &amp; Music</li> <li>• Libraries</li> <li>• Special Curricular Programs (AP, IB)</li> <li>• MassCore Standards</li> <li>• MCAS</li> <li>• COVID-19 Learning Loss Replacement</li> <li>• Graduation &amp; Career Readiness</li> <li>• Credit Recovery, Age 22</li> </ul> <p>BPS Commitment #3 &amp; #4: Amplify All Voices &amp; Expand Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent and Youth Engagement, Governance Role</li> <li>• School Admission and Assignment System</li> <li>• BuildBPS and Future Capital Planning</li> </ul> <p><i>BPS Revolving Funds: #0532 Facilities, #0533 Technology, #0534 Transportation</i></p> <p>Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) Office of Fair Housing and Equity Economic Development (OED) <i>Docket #0546 Boston Equity Fund</i> Women’s Advancement</p>	Some topics previously under BPS Commitments #5-6 moved to hearing on BPS Commitment #2
5/14/21 - Fri	10:00AM	<p>Boston Fire Department (BFD) Boston Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) (incl. Recovery Services) Office of Health and Human Services (OHHS) Transportation Department (BTD) Public Works Department (PWD) BPS Commitment #5: Cultivate Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admin Budget/Central Office</li> <li>• Leaves of Absence, Worker’s Comp</li> <li>• Retention</li> <li>• BPS Transportation</li> <li>• School Safety</li> <li>• Food &amp; Nutrition Services</li> <li>• Athletics</li> </ul> <p>BPS Commitment #6: Activate Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships</li> </ul>	Some topics previously under BPS Commitments #5-6 moved to hearing on BPS Commitment #2
5/21/21 – Fri	10:00AM	<p>Parks and Recreation Department <i>Docket #0544 Parkman Fund Appropriation</i> Department of Innovation &amp; Technology (DoIT) <i>Docket #0545 PEG Access Fund</i> Inspectional Services Department (ISD) Boston Planning &amp; Development Agency (BPDA)</p>	