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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

May 3, 2023

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY24 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. Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 some hearings will be taking place virtually.

The subjects of the hearing are:

Orders for the FY24 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

- Docket #0760, Message and order for Annual Appropriation and Tax Order for FY2024.
- Docket #0761, Message and order for Annual Appropriation for the School Department for FY2024.
- Docket #0762, 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 #0763, Message and order approving an appropriation of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000.00) 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 #0765, Message and order approving an appropriation of Twenty-Nine Million Four Hundred Five Thousand Dollars (\$29,405,000.00) from the City's Capital Grant Fund in order to provide funding for various transportation and public realm improvements. The funds shall be credited to the Capital Grant Fund from the Parking Meter Fund.
- Docket #0766, Message and order authorizing an appropriation Order in the amount of Twenty Seven Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$27,500,000.00) from Surplus Property Disposition Fund, credited to the Capital Fund for planning, design, and construction, for projects, the Animal Shelter, Old State House, BHA decarbonization, and Harrison Avenue BWSC Operations.

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



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- *Docket #0764, Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2024 in an amount not to exceed Thirty Nine Million Dollars (\$39,000,000.00). 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 components of the foregoing.*
- *Docket #0767, Message and order for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Million One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$657,110,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for city departments including the Boston Center for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, the Environment, Fire, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and Transportation departments, Mayor's Office of Housing, Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture, Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency, and the Boston Public Health Commission.*
- *Docket #0768, Message and order authorizing an appropriation order in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty-Eight Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$328,160,000.00) for various capital improvement purposes for the Boston Public Schools.*

Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY24, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police

- *Docket #0769, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from recoveries for damages to city property caused by third parties. The Law Department will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).*
- *Docket #0770, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 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. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from payments for the use of City Hall Plaza pursuant to City of Boston Code, Ordinance, 11-7.14. The Mayor's Office of Tourism will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$150,000.00)*
- *Docket #0771, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services to support the operation of the Strand Theatre. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from rental fees for the use of the Strand Theatre. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to*



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expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (300,000.00).

- *Docket #0772, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to purchase goods and services to support public art to enhance the public realm throughout the City of Boston. This revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from easements within the public way granted by the Public Improvement Commission. The Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$800,000.00).*
- *Docket #0773, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2024 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. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from the sale of renewable and alternative energy certificates and demand response program revenues produced by combined heat and power units located at Boston Public Schools sites and solar renewable energy certificates produced by the City's photovoltaic arrays. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).*
- *Docket #0774, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 for the purpose of securing outside consultants including engineers, wetlands scientist, 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. The revolving fund shall be funded by receipts from fees imposed by the Commission for the purpose of securing outside consultants. The Environment Department will be the only department authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).*
- *Docket #0775, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the City Hall Child Care. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from tuition paid by parents or guardians for children enrolled at the center. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).*
- *Docket #0776, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to repair and purchase Boston Public Schools computer technology, including computers, mobile devices, and instructional software. This revolving fund shall be credited with any and all receipts from equipment sales and repair fees for Boston Public School technology. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,750,000.00).*



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- *Docket #0777, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to support the maintenance and repair for BPS facilities, including custodial and utility costs for extended building time, floor refinishing, landscaping and building repairs. Receipts from Lease, Permit for Use and Parking Fees for BPS facilities will be deposited in the fund. BPS will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall not exceed Two Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,200,000.00).*
- *Docket #0778, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 for Boston Public School Transportation cost, including bus and public transportation costs. This revolving fund shall be credited with revenue received by Boston Public School Department for the provision of transportation to groups and entities for field trips and activities other than transportation to and from school. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*
- *Docket #0779, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to pay salaries and benefits of employees and to purchase supplies and equipment necessary to operate the Police Department Fitness Center. Revenue for this fund is derived from monthly membership fees. Receipts and resulting expenditures from this fund shall not exceed One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*
- *Docket #0780, Message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2024 to support the Canine Unit's training program for officers and police dogs from non-City of Boston law enforcement agencies. The Special Operating Division will charge tuition and other fees to outside law enforcement agencies for the Canine Unit. The tuition and other fees by outside agencies will be used to purchase training equipment, certify instructors, update facilities and provide funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted. The Special Operations Division will be the only unit authorized to expend from the fund and such expenditures shall be capped at One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*

Other budget-related dockets.

- *Docket #0781, Message and order authorizing the appropriation of One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) from the income of the George Francis Parkman Fund. The funds are to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation for the maintenance and improvement of Boston Common and Parks in existence since January 12, 1887.*
- *Docket #0782, Message and order approving an appropriation of Four Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,500,000.00) 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, the funds may be used to support PEG access services, to monitor compliance with the cable franchise agreement, and for preparation of renewal of the franchise license.*



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These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and referred to the Committee on April 12, 2023.

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.

Public Testimony Public testimony is integral to the Council's budget review process. Members of the public may submit written testimony, videos, or testify live in person (for in-person hearings) or via videoconference (for all hearings). All forms of testimony will be made a part of the record and available to all Councilors. Additional information is available at: www.boston.gov/council-budget.

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UPDATED 5/3/2023

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 Piemonte Room.

DATE	TIME	DEPARTMENT	COMMENTS
4/24/23 – Mon	10:00AM	Operating Overview <i>Office of Budget Management (OBM)</i>	In Person
	5:30PM	Capital Overview <i>OBM, Parks Department, Streets Cabinet, Office of Equity, Boston Public Schools, OEOI</i>	Off-site
4/25/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Law Department Treasury Department Auditing Department <i>Law Revolving Fund</i>	Virtual
	2:00PM	Arts & Culture Tourism, Sports & Entertainment <i>Arts & Culture Revolving Funds</i> <i>Tourism Revolving Fund</i>	Virtual
4/27/23 – Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) • <i>Physical Health</i>	Virtual
	2:00PM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) • <i>Mental Health</i> • <i>Recovery</i>	Virtual
5/1/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Department of Innovation & Technology • <i>Data</i> <i>PEG Access Fund</i>	Virtual
	2:00PM	Parks & Recreation Department Environment Department Food Justice <i>Environment Revolving Funds</i> <i>Parkman Fund</i>	Virtual
5/2/23 – Tues	10:00AM	Office of Food Justice Human Services Grow Boston	Canceled. OFJ moved to 5/1 2PM, OHS moved to 5/9 10AM, Grow Boston moved to 5/23 10AM
	2:00PM	Public Testimony	Virtual
5/4/23 – Thurs	10:00AM	Language and Communications Access (LCA) Office of Immigration Advancement (MOIA) Disabilities Commission Veterans Services (VETS)	Virtual
	2:00PM	Youth Employment and Opportunity (YEO) Youth Engagement and Advancement (YEA) Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Boston Public Schools (BPS) <i>BCYF Revolving Fund</i>	Canceled. To be rescheduled.



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5/8/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Age Strong Women's Advancement (MOWA) Office of Early Childhood	In Person
	2:00PM	Boston Police Department (BPD) Office of Police Accountability and Transparency (OPAT)	In Person
5/9/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Office of Black Male Advancement (OBMA) Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement Office of Returning Citizens (ORC) Human Services • <i>Equity</i>	In Person
	6:00PM	Public Testimony Departments: 1. Parks 2. Streets 3. BTD 4. OBM 5. MOH 6. OEOI 7. BPD 8. BPS	In Person
5/10/23 - Wed	3:00PM	Amendments Working Session Departments: 1. OMB 2. Parks 3. BPHC 4. Equity 5. Streets 6. Legal	In Person
5/11/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <i>BPD Revolving Fund</i>	In Person
	2:00PM	Boston Police Department (BPD) • <i>Grants</i> • <i>Reform (Grant Funding)</i> • <i>Community Programs</i> • <i>Crisis Response</i>	In Person
5/15/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Schools • <i>Weighted Student Funding</i> • <i>Enrollment Projections</i> • <i>Schools with Declining Budgets</i> • <i>Opportunity Index</i> • <i>Transformation Schools</i>	Virtual
	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Academics • <i>Opportunity and Achievement Gap</i> • <i>Curriculum</i> • <i>Code of Conduct</i> • <i>English Learners</i> • <i>Special Education & Inclusion</i> • <i>Literacy</i> • <i>Early Education/Universal Pre-K</i> • <i>Special Curricular Programs (AP, Credit Recovery, Age 22)</i> • <i>Vocational Education</i>	Virtual



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Graduation & Career Readiness</i> ● <i>Libraries</i> ● <i>MCAS</i> ● <i>Office of Elementary Schools</i> ● <i>Office of Secondary Schools</i> 	
5/16/23 – Tues	10:00AM	Boston Fire Department (BFD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Fire Prevention</i> ● <i>Fire Operations</i> 	In Person
	2:00PM	Boston Emergency Management Boston Emergency Medical Services (EMS)	In Person
5/17/23-Wed	3:00PM	Amendments Working Session Departments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Office of Budget Management 2. Legal 	In Person
5/18/23 – Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Transportation Department (BTD) ● Streets ● PWD ● 311 ● ISD 	In Person
	2:00PM	Public Testimony Departments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boston Police Department ● Boston Fire Department ● Safety ● Boston Emergency Medical Services 	In Person
5/22/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Enrichment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Arts & Music</i> ● <i>Athletics</i> ● <i>After School Programming</i> ● <i>Tutoring</i> ● <i>Summer Learning</i> ● <i>Partnerships</i> 	Virtual
	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Social Emotional Learning and Student Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Behavioral & Mental Health Supports</i> ● <i>Homeless Education Resource Network</i> ● <i>Trauma/Crisis Response</i> ● <i>Family Liaisons, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Nurses</i> ● <i>Early Interventions</i> ● <i>Hub Schools</i> 	Virtual
5/23/23 – Tues	10:00AM	Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) Fair Housing Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) Grow Boston	In Person
	2:00PM	Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion (OEI) Office of Workforce Development (OWD) Human Resources	In Person



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5/24/23 - Weds	3:30PM	Public Works Department (PWD) Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	In Person
5/25/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Review • Compliance • Real Estate • Finance • Planning • Research • ODEI 	In Person
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session Departments: 1. BPS 2. OBM	In Person
5/26/23 - Fri	10:00AM	<i>Carry Over</i>	Virtual
5/30/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Supplier and Workforce Diversity Center for Working Families Procurement Small Business Development	In Person
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session Departments: 1. BFD 2. BPD	In Person
6/1/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session Councilors only	In Person
	2:00PM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry over 	In Person
6/2/23 - Fri	10:00AM	Boston 311 Civic Organizing Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)	Virtual
6/5/23 - Mon	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS) - Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Admissions & Assignment System • Transportation • Food & Nutrition Services • School Safety • Admin Budget/ Central Office • Human Capital (incl. Diversity, Recruitment, Evaluation, Staff Retention) • Procurement <i>BPS Revolving Funds</i>	Virtual
	2:00PM	Boston Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood Services • Language and Communications Access 	Virtual
6/6/23 - Tues	10:00AM	Committee Report Working Session	In Person
6/9/23 - Fri	10:00AM	<i>HOLD</i>	
6/14/23 - Wed	12:00PM	VOTE (Admin Return/Modifications)	
6/15/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session Departments: 1. Office of Budget Management (OBM) 2. Legal	In Person



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	6:00PM	Public Testimony <i>Carry Over</i>	
6/16/23 - Friday	10:00AM	<i>HOLD</i>	
6/20/23 - Tues	10:00AM	<i>Carry over</i>	
	2:00PM	<i>Carry Over</i>	
6/22/23 - Thurs	10:00AM	Amendments Working Session	
	2:00PM	Amendments Working Session	
6/26/23 - Mon	10:00AM	<i>HOLD</i>	
	2:00PM	<i>HOLD</i>	
6/27/23 - Tue	10:00AM	<i>HOLD</i>	
	2:00PM	<i>HOLD</i>	
6/28/23 - Wed	12:00PM	FINAL VOTE	