



Boston Food Access Council Meeting
BPDA Board Room, Boston City Hall
Room 900, 9th Floor, 1 City Hall Sq, Boston MA 02201
March 8th, 2018
6:00p - 8:00p

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MEETING GOALS

- Hear from Chief of Health and Human Services for the City of Boston, Marty Martinez
- Share and discuss progress of Boston Food Access Council (BFAC) Working groups
- Receive constituent input

AGENDA

- Welcome, Introducing Chief Marty Martinez 6p - 6:50p
- Welcome from Catalina López-Ospina, Director of Mayor's Office of Food Access
 - Address from Chief Martinez on the direction of the Mayor's Office of Food Access (OFA) and the BFAC within the framework of the Health and Human Services cabinet
 - Opportunity for questions with Chief Martinez
- Updates from BFAC Working Groups 6:50p-7:35p
- Brief update on activities of working groups between last meeting and this one
 - Progress reports, discussion of considerations and next steps for:
 - Working Group 1: Improve food access in underserved communities through economic development and community wealth building initiatives.
 - Working Group 2: Improve food access in underserved communities by making more vacant land accessible and usable for cultivation by community members interested to pursue community gardening and commercial urban agriculture.
 - Working Group 3: Strengthen and expand resources that support Bostonians to access the food they need and want.
- Public comments, questions 7:35p - 7:55p
- Closing 7:55p - 8:00p
- Next steps
 - Dates for future meetings
 - Thursday, June 14th, 2018: 6p - 8p, Location TBD
 - Thursday, September 13th, 2018: 6p - 8p, Location TBD
 - Thursday, December 13th, 2018: 6p - 8p, Location TBD
 - Thursday, March 14th, 2019: 6p - 8p, Location TBD