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COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

UPDATED: May 23, 2022

The Boston City Council's Committee on Ways and Means will hold public hearings on the FY23 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 FY23 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

- *Docket #0480, message and order for annual appropriation and tax order for FY2023.*
- *Docket #0481, message and order for annual appropriation for the School Department for FY2023.*
- *Docket #0482, 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 #0483, message and order approving an appropriation of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) 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 #0484, message and order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more leases, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed Thirty-Six Million Dollars (\$36,000,000.00), 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.*



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- *Docket #0485, message and order approving an appropriation of Five Hundred Fifty Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$550,370,000.00) 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 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 #0486, message and order approving an appropriation One Hundred Thirty Eight Million Five Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$138,535,000.00) 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.*

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

- *Docket #0487, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 #0488, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 for Boston Public Schools Transportation costs, including bus and public transportation costs, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).*



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- *Docket #0489, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Public Schools revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 #0490, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*
- *Docket #0491, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Police Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00).*
- *Docket #0492, message and order authorizing a limit for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00).*
- *Docket #0493, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 #0494, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Arts and Culture revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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).*
- *Docket #0495, message and order authorizing a limit for the Mayor's Office of Tourism revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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 #0496, message and order authorizing the Law Department revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2023 to purchase goods and services for repairs to city property, with expenditures not to exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00).*
- *Docket #0497, message and order authorizing a limit for the Distributed Energy Resource Revolving Fund for Fiscal Year 2023 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*



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Boston Public Schools' combined heat and power facilities, with expenditures not to exceed One Hundred-Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00).

- *Docket #0498, message and order authorizing a limit for the Environment Conservation Commission revolving fund for the Fiscal Year 2023 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).*

Other budget-related dockets.

- *Docket #0499, 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.*
- *Docket #0500, message and order authorizing an appropriation of Four Million Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$4,560,000.00) 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 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 #0501, 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.*

These matters were sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and were referred to the Committee on April 13, 2022.

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, prerecorded videos, or testify live in person or via videoconference. 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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Virtual Hearings For hearings noted as being virtual, please note the following:

In accordance with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022 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 some hearings virtually. This enables the City Council to carry out its responsibilities and ensure public access to its deliberations through adequate, alternative means. The public may watch these hearings via live stream at boston.gov/city-council-tv. They will also be re-broadcasted at a later date on Xfinity 8/RCN 82/Verizon 964. Members of the public wishing to testify virtually via videoconference should sign up via the online form on the Council's budget website at www.boston.gov/council-budget.

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Broadcast on Xfinity 8/RCN 82/Fios 964 and streamed at: www.boston.gov/city-council-tv



Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means Hearings Schedule, FY23 Budget

*Dockets #0480-0486, FY23 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget
with Dockets #0487-0501 Companion Funds Hearings Noted*

UPDATED 5/23/22

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, to be noticed separately, which will not include public comment periods.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
4/25/22 – Mon	10:00AM	Admin & Finance: Budget Overview Presentation (incl. Revenue)	
	2:00PM	Capital Overview Public Facilities Department	
4/26/22 - Tues	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools Overview	
	6:00PM	Public Testimony	
4/28/22 – Thurs	10:00AM	BPS - Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Weighted Student Funding</i> ● <i>Enrollment Projections</i> ● <i>Schools with Declining Budgets</i> ● <i>Opportunity Index</i> ● <i>Transformation Schools</i> 	
	2:00PM	BPS - Academics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Opportunity & 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> ● <i>Graduation & Career Readiness</i> ● <i>Libraries</i> ● <i>MCAS</i> ● <i>Office of Elementary Schools</i> ● <i>Office of Secondary Schools</i> 	
5/2/22 - Mon	10:00AM	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> 	



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	2:00PM	BPS - Social Emotional Learning and Student Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Behavioral & Mental Health Supports ● Homeless Education Resource Network ● Trauma/Crisis Response ● Family Liaisons, Social Workers, School Psychologists, Nurses ● Early Interventions ● Hub Schools 	
5/5/22 – Thurs	10:00AM	BPS - Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● School Admission & Assignment System ● BPS Transportation ● Food & Nutrition Services ● School Safety ● Admin Budget/Central Office ● Human Capital (incl. Diversity, Recruitment, Evaluation, Staff Retention) ● Procurement BPS Revolving Funds	
	2:00PM	Neighborhood Services Language & Communications Access	
5/9/22 – Mon	10:00AM	Public Works Department (PWD) Boston Transportation Department (BTD)	
	2:00PM	Inspectional Services Department	
5/10/22 - Tues	10:00AM	Mayor’s Office of Housing (MOH) Office of Fair Housing & Equity (OFHE)	
	2:00PM	Fire Department (BFD)	
5/12/22 – Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Police Department (BPD) 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Police Commissioner’s Office ● Bureau of Professional Development ● Bureau of Professional Standards ● Bureau of Community Engagement ● Bureau of Field Services BPD Revolving Funds	
	2:00PM	BPD 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bureau of Admin and Technology - Operations ● Bureau of Admin and Technology - Admin & Technology ● Bureau of Investigative Services ● Bureau of Intelligence & Analysis 	
5/16/22 – Mon	10:00AM	Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) BCYF Revolving Fund	
	4:00PM	Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE)	



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5/17/22 – Tues	10:00AM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Child, Adolescent & Family Health</i> ● <i>Community Initiatives</i> ● <i>Infectious Disease</i> 	
	2:00PM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Emergency Medical Services</i> ● <i>Homeless Services</i> ● <i>Recovery Services</i> 	
5/19/22 – Thurs	10:00AM	Office of Equity Office of Resiliency & Racial Equity Human Rights Commission	
	2:00PM	Immigrant Advancement Women’s Advancement	
5/23/22 – Mon	10:00AM	Office of Economic Opportunity & Inclusion (OEI) Office of Tourism, Sports & Entertainment Office of Arts & Culture <i>Equity Fund</i> <i>Tourism Revolving Fund</i> <i>Arts & Culture Revolving Funds</i>	Postponed to a carryover date TBD
	2:00PM	Boston VETS Age Strong Commission Office of Health & Human Services	Postponed to a carryover date TBD
5/24/22 – Tues	10:00AM	Treasury Registry <i>Law Revolving Fund</i>	
	2:00PM	Library (BPL)	
5/26/22 – Thurs	10:00AM	Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) <i>PEG Access Fund</i>	
	2:00PM	Environment Department Parks & Recreation <i>Environment Revolving Funds</i> <i>Parkman Fund</i>	
5/31/22 - Tues	10:00AM	BPS - Build BPS and Future Capital Planning	
	2:00PM	Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)	
6/2/22 - Thurs	6:00PM	Public Testimony	VIRTUAL