



**BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Boston City Hall, Boston, MA, 02201  
held virtually via Zoom

APPROVED BY COMMISSION  
March 24, 2026

**MARCH 10, 2026**

**I. BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION BUSINESS HEARING**

**6:00 PM**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** John Amodeo, John Freeman, Jeffrey Gonyeau, Jeffrey Heyne, Felicia Jacques, Justine Orlando (Vice-Chair), Brad Walker (Chair), Angela Ward-Hyatt.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Celina Barrios-Millner, Christopher Hart, Kirsten Hoffman, Lindsey Mac-Jones, Fadi Samaha.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Architectural Historian, Jennifer Gaugler; Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Kathy Kottaridis; Preservation Assistant, Sarah Lawton, and Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, Elizabeth Sherva.

**6:00 PM:** Commissioner Walker called the public hearing to order. He explained that, pursuant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, that the public hearing was being conducted virtually via the online meeting platform Zoom in order to review Design Review applications. He also briefly explained how to participate in the online hearing. There were no members of the press present.

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review the Ratification of Meeting Minutes.

**II. HEARING MINUTES**

Review and ratification of Public Hearing Minutes from February 24, 2026 meeting.

**COMMISSIONER J. ORLANDO MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.**

**COMMISSIONER F. JACQUES SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 7-0-0 (Y: JA, JF, JG, FJ, JO, BW, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

The Chair announced that the Commission would next review petitions, study reports, and designation.

6:09 Jeffrey Heyne joined the meeting.



### III. PETITIONS, STUDY REPORTS, & DESIGNATIONS

#### 228.07 - BUSSEY HOUSE (1203-1205 ADAMS ST), DORCHESTER

Presentation of [Study Report](#), Public feedback on Study Report, Discussion of Study Report, Vote to accept Study Report, Vote on Designation

**DOCUMENTS PRESENTED:** Documents presented included the study report for the Bussey House. Jennifer Gaugler presented an overview of the study report.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:** Jeffrey Gonyeau offered comment that he is a Dorchester resident and expressed that he was glad to see the process to this point, the time between the petition and the vote is now more important than ever given development in the Lower Mills area of Dorchester. Success following a demolition delay. Jeffrey stated that while he understood the credit union's reservations, the commission is practical and always want to see viable businesses in historic buildings. Justine Orlando inquired about the signage regarding the catering business prior to the credit union. She offered a suggestion to lean into the landmarking and publicize. John Amodeo offered, as one of the oldest buildings in the city it is enough to merit recognition. The loss of buildings in the area of this area has been substantial. Strongly supportive of designation.

**OWNER REPRESENTATIVES:** Gary Chandler (General Counsel, BrightBridge) and Ian Urquhart (Nutter, McClellan and Fish, LLP). The representatives stated that the landmarking did not seem timely due to the age of the petition. Gary Chandler shared concerns with the resell value of the buildings and how it will impact the credit union members.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment received by the BLC prior to the meeting was read into the record. The only public comment received was a comment from Earl Taylor, the President of the Dorchester Historical Society, expressing strong support for the designation of the Bussey House as a Boston Landmark.

**COMMISSIONER J. AMODEO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE STUDY REPORT.**

**COMMISSIONER J. GONYEAU SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 8-0-0 (Y: JA, JF, JG, JH, FJ, JO, BW, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**

**COMMISSIONER J. GONYEAU MOVED TO DESIGNATE. COMMISSIONER J.**

**AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. THE VOTE WAS 8-0-0 (Y: JA, JF, JG, JH, FJ, JO, BW, AWH) (N: NONE) (ABS: NONE).**



#### **IV. STAFF UPDATES**

Elizabeth Sherva, Deputy Director of the Office of Historic Preservation, announced that the next Design Review Hearing will take place at 4:00 PM, and the next BLC Business Meeting will take place at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2026.

#### **V. ADJOURN – 6:45 PM**

**COMMISSIONER J. ORLANDO MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE HEARING.  
COMMISSIONER J. AMODEO SECONDED THE MOTION. A VOICE VOTE WAS  
CALLED AND ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT VOTED TO ADJOURN.**