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## COMMITTEE HEARING NOTICE

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The subjects of the hearings are:

***Dockets #0588-0590, Orders for the FY21 Operating Budget, including annual appropriations for departmental operations, for the School Department, and for other post-employment benefits (OPEB).***

Hearings on these dockets will be held concurrently with transfer appropriations and capital budget matters, as well as relevant budget-related dockets. These matters were sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and were referred to the Committee on April 8, 2020.

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***Dockets #0591-0592, Orders for capital fund transfer appropriations.***

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***Dockets #0593-0596, Orders for the Capital Budget, including loan orders and lease-purchase agreements.***

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The subjects of the hearings are:

***Dockets #0599-0611, Orders authorizing limits for departmental revolving funds for FY21, including Law, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Parks & Recreation, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Schools, and Police.***

***Docket #0597, Order authorizing an appropriation from the George Francis Parkman Fund for the maintenance and improvement of certain parks.***

***Docket #0598, Order authorizing an appropriation 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 ¾ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.***

***Docket #0612, Order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with certain entities, for the purpose of reporting costs and receiving Title IV-E (Every Student Succeeds Act) allowable federal reimbursement for said costs as they relate to transporting eligible children from foster placements and schools of origin.***

***Docket #0613, Order authorizing an appropriation 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.***

Hearings on these dockets will be heard concurrently with FY21 budget matters (Dockets #0588-0596). These matters were sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh and were referred to the Committee on April 8, 2020.

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## Boston City Council Committee on Ways and Means Hearings Schedule, FY21 Budget

*Dockets #0588-0596, FY21 Operating Budget, Capital Fund Transfers, and Capital Budget  
with Dockets #0597-0613 Companion Funds Hearings Noted*

**POSTED 4/8/20**

All hearings will be held virtually via Zoom, unless and until noticed otherwise. Public testimony will be accepted at the end of each hearing, as well as at the designated public testimony hearings. The Council will also be holding Committee working sessions on the budget, which will not include public comment periods, and which will be noticed separately.

<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>DEPARTMENT</i>	<i>COMMENTS</i>
4/13/20 – Mon	10:00AM	Admin & Finance: Budget Overview Presentation (incl. COVID-19 impacts so far)	
	12:00PM	Revenue Overview/Assessing Department (incl. COVID-19 impacts so far)	
4/14/20 – Tues	10:00AM	Boston Public Schools (BPS): Budget Overview Presentation (incl. DESE Report/MOA and COVID-19 impacts so far)	
	1:00PM	BPS School Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Weighted Student Funding</li> <li>• Enrollment Projections</li> <li>• Schools with Declining Budgets</li> <li>• Opportunity Index</li> <li>• New Investments (\$36M)</li> <li>• Transformation Schools</li> </ul>	
4/16/20 – Thurs	6:00PM	Public Testimony: Any Questions on the City Budget?	
4/23/20 – Thurs	10:00AM	Capital Overview/Public Facilities Department (PFD)	
	1:00PM	<i>Misc. Revolving Funds: #0599 Law Dept/Repairs, #0560 Tourism/City Hall Plaza, #0561 Arts &amp; Culture/Strand Theatre, #0562 Arts &amp; Culture/Public Art</i>	
5/5/20 – Tues	10:00AM	BPS Commitment #1 (I): Eliminate Opportunity & Achievement Gaps – Overall Alignment & Wraparound Supports <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>• Nurses</li> <li>• Trauma/Crisis Response</li> <li>• Behavioral &amp; Mental Health Supports</li> <li>• HERN</li> </ul>	
	1:00PM	BPS Commitment #1 (II): Eliminate Opportunity & Achievement Gaps – Specialized Academic Supports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inclusion</li> <li>• SPED/SPED Transitions</li> <li>• ELL &amp; Bilingual Education Plan</li> </ul>	
5/7/20 – Thurs	10:00AM	Public Works Department (PWD) Transportation Department (BTD)	
	2:00PM	Library (BPL) Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) <i>BCYF Revolving Fund: #0605 City Hall Child Care</i>	
	4:00PM	Youth Engagement & Employment (YEE)	



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5/12/20 – Tues	10:00AM	Department of Neighborhood Development (DND)	
	2:00PM	Economic Development (OED) <i>Docket #0613 Boston Equity Fund</i>	
5/14/20 – Thurs	10:00AM	Environment Department Conservation Commission <i>Environment Revolving Fund: #0603 Distributed Energy Resource</i>	
	12:00PM	Landmarks Commission	
	2:00PM	Parks and Recreation Department <i>Parks Revolving Fund: #0604 Animal Care and Control Docket #0597 Parkman Fund Appropriation</i>	
5/19/20 – Tues	10:00AM	BPS Commitment #2: Accelerate Learning <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>• 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> </ul>	
	1:00PM	BPS Commitment #3: Amplify All Voices BPS Commitment #4: Expand Opportunity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent and Youth Engagement, Governance Role</li> <li>• School Admission &amp; Assignment System</li> <li>• BuildBPS</li> </ul> <i>BPS Revolving Funds: #0606 Facilities, #0607 Technology, #0608 Transportation</i>	
5/21/20 – Thurs	10:00AM	Boston Police Department (BPD) <i>BPD Revolving Funds: #0609 Academy, #0610 Canine, #0611 Fitness Center</i> Boston Fire Department (BFD) Boston Emergency Medical Services (BEMS)	
	2:00PM	Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) (incl. Recovery Services)	
5/26/20 – Tues	10:00AM	BPS Commitment #5: Cultivate Trust <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> <i>Docket #0612 ESSA MOU</i>	
	1:00PM	BPS Commitment #6: Activate Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 Learning Loss Replacement</li> <li>• Summer School 2020</li> <li>• Partnerships</li> </ul>	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graduation &amp; Career Readiness</li> <li>• Credit Recovery, Age 22</li> </ul>	
	6:00PM	BPS Public Testimony	
5/28/20 – Thurs	10:00AM	Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT) <i>Docket #0598 PEG Access Fund</i> Inspectional Services Department (ISD)	
	2:00PM	Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA)	
	6:00PM	Public Testimony (All Departments)	