



**TIMELINES, ARCHIVES, AND CURRICULA SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

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

DECEMBER 5, 2024

Commissioners Present: Joe Bagley, Giordana Mecagni, Kanisorn Wongsrichanalai, Kristen Lafferty, Dory Klein, Joan Ilacqua, Tatiana Cruz, Cedric Woods, Carolyn Goldstein, Angela Hedley-Mitchell, Bob Allison

Commissioners Absent: Liza Stearns, Collin Knight, Kimberly Barzola, David Leonard

Staff Present: Kayla Skillin, Archivist for Collections Management; Lauryn Sharp, Project Archaeologist; Dorothy Clark, Assistant Survey Director; Kathy Kottaridis, Director of Historic Preservation

Public/Press: Kate Melchior, Massachusetts Historical Society; Paula Sampson, Massachusetts Historical Society

A full recording of the meeting is available on boston.gov/commemoration-commission

SESSION BEGINS - 2:00 PM

I. WELCOME

- a. Chair Joe Bagley welcomed attendees.

II. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Meeting minutes were approved.

III. BPL CHECK IN

- a. Commissioner Dory Klein let the subcommittee know that BPL had no new updates, but that she would check in after the new year.

IV. MHS EDUCATION TEAM PRESENTATION

- a. Kate Melchior and Paula Sampson from the Massachusetts Historical Society's Education Team came to present about National History Day and how the MHS Education Team designs their curriculum and how they work with schools.
 - i. Melchior discussed how MHS does class visits, they have teacher and student fellowships, professional development for teachers, as well as creating different resources for use such as historysource.org.



- ii. Sampson discussed National History Day, how MHS is Massachusetts' state sponsor, how it is similar to a science fair, how every year a new theme is set by the National Office. Students will take that theme and do primary source research, construct a thesis, and then present in different mediums. The MHS Education Team works on building out universal design and learning for accessibility. MHS is partnering with many institutions to build out landing pages for when students look for sources. MHS is working with William & Mary University and other partners to work on a national campaign effort, so they created a website called history.org launching 12/15/2024.
- iii. Commissioner Angela Hedley-Mitchell, Executive Director of Humanities for Boston Public Schools gave some insight into how MHS works with BPS. She mentioned that is a renewed investment in developing and updating social studies curricula across all grades.
 1. Commissioner Tatiana Cruz asked what the commission could do to support the work being done in BPS.
 2. Commissioner Hedley-Mitchell stated that she would love to expand and invite team members to come to a subcommittee meeting as BPS relies on partnerships with organizations to expose students to new resources and to help build resources into the curricular framework.
- iv. Chair Joe Bagley stated that it would be great to invite BPS and that it would be helpful for this subcommittee to identify what already exists, so that we compile and bring awareness to what exists before looking for what does not.

V. MAPPING PROJECT CHECK IN

- a. Chair Joe Bagley explained the idea behind the mapping project to the MHS Education team, showing them some examples of what the map could look like.
- b. Genesis Pimentel explained the mapping project further, and the subcommittee members asked to see a visual of what this might look like for the actual project.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. There was no public comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - 3:00 PM

- a. The meeting was adjourned.