



# City of Brockton

## Information Technology Board

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## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BOARD MEETING

### Minutes March 20, 2025

*Present:* Edward Medeiros Jr., John O'Donnell, Emmanuel Evora, Geoffrey Kennan, Christopher Hill, Neal Fama

*Excused:* Jean Bradley Derenoncourt, Claudio Gomes

*Call to Order:* 11:16 a.m.

The reading of the minutes from May 16, 2024, was waived. Motion by Neal Fama, seconded by Officer Christopher Hill.

#### Old business:

- a. A new, highly qualified camera administrator has been hired, resulting in significant progress. Several servers have been decommissioned, and the School and City IT systems are operational. The next focus is the Brockton Public Safety building. Archived storage will be provided for the new building. Expanding this storage is desired, but requires financial review. Officer Christopher Hill suggested exploring grant funding, referencing a recent \$80,000 police department grant. Further discussion is needed regarding new storage solutions.
- b. Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) implementation is nearly complete for the city.
- c. The internet upgrade at Brockton High School is complete.
- d. The IT Center's FY 2025 budget was level funded, meaning no increases were granted for goods and services. Consequently, we experienced significant reductions, including the complete loss of funding for training, consulting, out-of-state travel, and several key maintenance items.

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Furthermore, two critical positions were not funded. The reduced vehicle repair budget was depleted in the first half of the year, necessitating a budget increase request for FY 2026.

We've had to request more funds for the FY 2026 budget due to rising costs for services and software. Officer Christopher Hill asked about moving to O365. The Chairman explained that the immediate focus is on upgrading Munis and putting it in the cloud. We'll look at O365 after that's done. While we use Google, the yearly price hikes are a concern. Also, because paystubs are emailed, we need email addresses for everyone, even if they don't need all the other email features.

In addition to the budget increase requests, we have also sought funding for training related to the software upgrades, and for consulting services necessary for the successful transition to the new Brockton Public Safety building.

Recognizing the Brockton Police Department's need for a new domain name, as expressed by Officer Christopher Hill, the Chairman has agreed to request a cost quote.

### New business:

- a. The Assessor's office is up next for a move inside City Hall, but they're waiting on new carpet. Human Resources tried moving, but their old spot was too small, so they went back upstairs. Geoffrey Keenan said Montauk Road is also cramped, especially with the administrative staff.

No decision has been made regarding the old fire station's future use.

- b. The Council on Aging has relocated from the Shaw's Center back to their beautifully renovated facility on Father Kenney Way. We highly recommend visiting their impressive new space, which includes a brand-new audio-visual system.

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Announcements:

- a. Geoffrey Keenan proposed that a letter be sent to the Superintendent of Schools to request the appointment of a second board member, fulfilling the ordinance requirement. The Chairman indicated he will send an email to the Superintendent. It was noted that the ordinance mandates two appointments by the Superintendent, and we are currently operating with one vacancy.

*Adjourned:* 12:05 p.m.

*Next Meeting:* Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.

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