

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the standing committee on Finance was held on Monday May 5th, 2025 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 45 School St., Brockton, MA. The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM with nine members present and President Thompson presiding. Councilors Asack and Nicastro absent.

1. Reappointment of Lisa O'Donnell of 30 Rock Meadow Drive, Brockton, MA 02301 to the Brockton Public Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term ending in April 2028.

Invited: Lisa O'Donnell

Ms. O'Donnell stated that she enjoys her role and if reappointed this will be her third term and she feels blessed that she gets the opportunity to participate at the library activities and supporting the Director and it's a good committee and would be honored to be reappointed.

Councilor Lally motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

Councilor Asack stepped in.

Councilor Lally motioned to waive the reading for item # 2 and was properly seconded. the motion carried by a hand vote.

2. Ordered: In compliance with the provisions of the Election Laws, notice is hereby given that the City Preliminary will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 and that the City Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 in the following designated Polling Places:

Ward One	Precinct A	Housing Authority, Community Room, 70 Hawley Street
Ward One	Precinct B	West Junior High School, 271 West Street
Ward One	Precinct C	Hancock School, 125 Pearl Street
Ward One	Precinct D	Hancock School, 125 Pearl Street
Ward Two	Precinct A	Barrett Russell School, 45 Oakdale St
Ward Two	Precinct B	Manning Towers, 45 Goddard Road
Ward Two	Precinct C	Senior Center, 10 Father Kenney Way
Ward Two	Precinct D	War Memorial Building, 156 West Elm Street

Ward Three	Precinct A	South Junior High School, 105 Keith Avenue
Ward Three	Precinct B	South Junior High School, 105 Keith Ave
Ward Three	Precinct C	John F. Kennedy School, 900 Ash Street
Ward Three	Precinct D	West Side Library, 540 Forest Avenue
Ward Four	Precinct A	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct B	Gilmore School, 150 Clinton Street
Ward Four	Precinct C	Davis Elementary School, 380 Plain Street
Ward Four	Precinct D	Campello High Rise Apts, 1380 Main Street
Ward Five	Precinct A	East Side Library, 54 Kingman Street
Ward Five	Precinct B	East Junior High School, 464 Centre Street
Ward Five	Precinct C	Downey School, 55 Electric Avenue
Ward Five	Precinct D	Caffrey Towers, 755 Crescent Street
Ward Six	Precinct A	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct B	Ashfield School Gymnasium, 225 Coe Road
Ward Six	Precinct C	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Six	Precinct D	Brookfield School, 135 Jon Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct A	North Junior High School, 108 Oak Street
Ward Seven	Precinct B	Belair Street High Rise, 105 Belair Street
Ward Seven	Precinct C	Sullivan Towers, 140 Colonel Bell Drive
Ward Seven	Precinct D	Raymond School, 125 Oak Street

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M., and will be closed at 8:00 P.M. Said voters will then in their respective polling places give in their votes each on one piece of paper to the Warden for the election of candidates for the following named offices, viz: Mayor, Councillors At Large, Councillors in each ward, and members of the School Committee in each ward.

Invited: Executive Director of Elections Commission Cynthia Hogan

Councilor Lally motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

3. Ordered: That the City Council authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of the total grant funds in the amount of \$13,298.05.

FROM: MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY \$13,298.05

TO: BROCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT \$13,298.05

Invited: Fire Chief Brian Nardelli
CFO Dr. Troy Clarkson

Fire Chief Nardelli explained this grant is put together every year through the Department of Fire Services Safe Grant Student Awareness Fire Education this grant not only goes to the children but also goes there's a senior component to it as well that was started in the

City of Brockton by Deputy Chief Hendrigan who was the safe officer years ago. This in total will be able to buy the helmets, books, and all different stuff for the kids. It also goes towards funding there Fire Prevention day in October and Firefighter Reardon also works with Janice to do fall prevention at the senior center. This is a non-matching grant.

Councilor Asack motioned to recommend favorably and properly seconded.

Councilor Farwell on the motion do you have a sense of how much money we bring in each year to assist with fire department staffing operation?

Fire Chief Nardelli so this is \$13,000, also received a grant for \$25,000 to buy new turnout gear, they also accepted a grant a couple months ago to purchase a SCBA cleaner and another grant to fund 16 positions that they are hoping to reapply again that was over 3 million. Right now, the current one \$560,000 able to put every single member of the Brockton fire through trench rescue training which is one of the most difficult classes to get into at the Department of Fire Services at the Fire academy. Through the years they have got grants to purchase fire trucks and thermal imaging cameras. Shout out to Deputy Chief Scott Albanese he has been incredible with the grants.

Carried by a hand vote.

4. Resolve: WHEREAS: Heart disease is the number one cause of death in the United States and second leading cause of death in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS: Heart disease, including coronary artery disease, heart failure, and arrhythmias, significantly increases the risk of cardiac arrest, a condition in which the heart suddenly stops beating due to an electrical malfunction; and

WHEREAS: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), together with an automated external defibrillator (AED), is the most effective way for bystanders to help someone in cardiac arrest. CPR keeps blood flowing to vital organs, while an AED can restart the heart by restoring its normal rhythm; and

WHEREAS: According to the American Heart Association (AHA), immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chances of survival after cardiac arrest, yet only about 40% of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate help that they need before professional help arrives; and

WHEREAS: CPR classes can be taught in just 30 to 45 minutes, making them a quick and accessible way to equip students with lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS: 41 states have recognized the importance of CPR training by mandating it for high school students, making Massachusetts one of only nine states that does not

require it for high school graduation; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts legislators have introduced five bills that seek to make CPR and AED training a requirement in high schools across the commonwealth:

- S.447, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators
- S.456, An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation
- H.556, An Act providing CPR and AED Education for All, AKA The CPR and AED Education for All Act
- H.572, An Act relative to cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automatic defibrillator education in public schools;
- H.750, An Act providing hands only CPR training and the use of defibrillators now therefore be it

ORDERED: That this City Council go on record in support of S.447, S.456, H.556, H.572, and H.750 to ensure high school students receive CPR and AED training, equipping the next generation with life-saving skills; and be it further ordered

That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this Policy Order to the Brockton State House delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

Invited: Harvard Student: Nayan Sapers and/or any Staff deemed appropriate

Nayan Sapers co-founder of CPR Ambassador Program in partnership with Crimson EMS which is Harvard's standby EMS organization and the American Heart Association is here tonight asking for support in passing this resolution that will bring lifesaving hands only CPR and AED instruction to every high school in Massachusetts. Explained that every year more than 350,000 Americans suffer out of hospital cardiac arrest and fewer than 12% survive. They know by stander CPR can double or even triple a victim's chance of survival. Massachusetts remains only one of nine states without a mandate for CPR instruction in Schools. Last fall their CPR Ambassador program trained over 60 high school students to serve as peer instructors and hands-only CPR and AED. Those ambassadors have led more than 150 school-based trainings. They have gotten 300 signatures for a petition for hands only CPR in schools lobbied at the state house for the bills and partnered with local EMS agencies to raise awareness among schools and general public. Their proposal is simple and cost effective it would incorporate a 30-45 min CPR and AED session into existing health or PE classes and would equip each classroom with an inflatable mannequin which cost about \$40 or a durable multi mannequin sets at around \$2,000.

Nouraldeen Ibrahim a junior at Harvard and EMT with Harvard's Crimson EMS. Started volunteering at the same agency and helped lead the CPR trainings for both kids and older adults in the community and eventually became president of the youth division. Has

learned that CPR saves lives not just in ambulances but also on soccer fields and playgrounds and even a kitchen at home. It is easy to learn and quick to teach and incredibly powerful that's why he believes making CPR requirement for a high school graduation is not just teaching a skill but actually building a generation of first responders.

Seun Ogundimu a junior at Harvard University he will be honest back when he was in high school he didn't know the difference between CPR and the Heimlich maneuver they didn't have the education back in high school. He was fortunate enough to take a premedical class at a local hospital where he learned a lot about of different medical emergencies and how to treat a variety of serious situations and how to apply a tourniquet but they never touched on CPR. Is someone who is in the medical field there was still a barrier to such an accessible treatment he came into college eager to learn more about CPR education. He is an EMT with Crimson EMS and also serves as the Operations Chief of Crimson EMS and they do impressive work on campus providing rapid care. With education they have the ability to turn people who can act and shouldn't have to just rely on emergency services. They have launched there own training program within the school. High schoolers learning can really make a change in their schools. Supporting the legislation means that they are going to ensure that Massachusetts is prepared to act when it means the most and that they are prepared to save lives no matter what the situation is.

Meredith Schwartz a sophomore at Harvard and also in Crimson EMS which is the standby service for emergencies and events at Harvard. Here tonight asking for support for the resolution that would ensure every high school student in Massachusetts and especially Brockton receives lifesaving CPR and AED training. Would be great if all students could learn how to do this and be able to act in an emergency situation. A strong message learning CPR saves lives.

Councilor Griffin thanks the Harvard students for coming in and reaching out to him and was surprised that Massachusetts is one of nine states that doesn't already mandate in their schools he was taken back by this. Is in 100% support and if there is anything he can do to help please let him know.

Councilor Minichiello is in fully support of this proposal. Something can happen at anytime heart conditions are totally unpredictable and the more people that know how to react the quicker response the more likely to save lives. What are the Massachusetts standards for CPR?

Seun Ogundimu stated 30 compressions 2 breaths.

Councilor Tavares is very excited to hear about this. She is a CPR instructor in the Brockton Community. Explain how important CPR is and is in full support of this.

Councilor Farwell it is so impressive to have four college students here getting involved in political issues and socioeconomic issues and you've chosen a medical issue that's of importance to you that touches every demographic every age group. Unfortunately they

have seen high school and college athletics go down with cardiac arrest and that makes CPR all that more important. Nice to have them here on this topic and commend them and thanks them all.

Councilor Asack thanks them for being here tonight and this is close to her heart she has a graduating senior in a few weeks from Harvard. She thinks this is great and they are doing amazing things. Wants to make sure this goes through if they need letters of support or to reach out to contacts they are willing too. Just an FYI Brockton high does offer CPR but it's not mandatory. Not sure what other cities they have worked with.

Nayan Sapers stated that they have resolutions in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville.

Nayan Sapers the hearing for legislation hasn't been scheduled.

Councilor Asack will reach out to state representatives to help move it along.

Councilor Derenoncourt thanks each of them and wanted to commend them for having the courage and the willingness and the commitment to engage and do their own research of what it is and how people can be educated about it.

Councilor Rodrigues thanks them for being here. What about the other cities like New Bedford, Fall River, and Taunton?

Nayan Sapers has reached out but hasn't heard back.

Councilor Rodrigues has relationships with other cities and can reached out and make some calls.

Councilor Teixeira thanked them and is in full support. It is very important and keeping doing what they are doing. Whatever you need them to do to help them please reach out.

Councilor Lally was surprised Massachusetts doesn't have this requirement. Do you know what other states do not?

Nayan Sapers stated Alaska, Hawaii, and some states in the mid-west. Would have to look and get that information to them.

President Thompson stated keep fighting and keeping pushing this matter forward. The Clerk's office will draft a letter to sent to legislative if this is recommended favorable.

Councilor motioned to recommend favorably. Motion was properly seconded and carried by a hand vote.

Clerk Cruise stated that the AED is located on this floor across from the elevator.

Councilor Griffin presented citations to the four Harvard students and thanked them again and wish them nothing but success.

President Thompson also wanted to announce the second group of ESL students from the Cape Verdean association are in the chambers tonight.

Councilor's Recognition

Councilor Asack thanked everyone who participated at in Keep Brockton Beautiful this past Saturday. Happy Birthday day to her daughter Georgina who turned 22 and Senator Michael Brady.

President Thompson stated there will also be another keep Brockton Beautiful coming up in October. Happy Birthday Senator Brady and Georgina.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47 PM