

Waltham City Council
Minutes of Municipal Inauguration on
January 4, 2026

As stated in the City Charter the Municipal Inauguration began at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, January 4, 2026.

City Councillors-Elect and School Committee Members-Elect entered the Chamber with the Police and Fire Honor Guard, Mayor Jeannette A. McCarthy, Minority Whip of the United States House of Representatives, U.S. Representative for 5th Congressional District Katheine Clark and the Honorable Ellen M. Caulo.

Troop 250 Waltham Boy Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlotte McCrary and Anabel Rutledge sang the National Anthem

Assistant City Clerk Kara Wilson read the names of the people elected at the Municipal Election on November 4, 2025:

Councillors at Large

Paul J. Brasco
Colleen Bradley-McArthur
Tim King
Randall J. LeBlanc
Emma Tzioumis
Carlos A. Vidal

Ward Councillors

Anthony LaFauci	Councillor Ward One
Caren Dunn	Councillor Ward Two
William A. Hanley	Councillor Ward Three
John J. McLaughlin	Councillor Ward Four
Joseph P. LaCava	Councillor Ward Five
Sean T. Durkee	Councillor Ward Six
Paul Katz	Councillor Ward Seven
Cathyann Harris	Councillor Ward Eight
Robert G. Logan	Councillor Ward Nine

School Committee

Debra Coleman
Sabrina DeJoannis
Tammy Wong-Bigelow

The Honorable Ellen M. Caulo, Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court administered the oath of office to the City Councillors and School Committee members.

The Waltham High School Show Choir performed a medley of songs

Minority Whip of the United States House of Representatives, U.S. Representative for 5th Congressional District Katheine Clark offered remarks.

Councillor John J. McLaughlin offered remarks on behalf of the City Council.

School Committee Member Debra Coleman offered remarks on behalf of the School Committee.

Clerk Vizard thanked everyone.

The City Council reconvened in the Waltham Room. Clerk Vizard called the meeting of the City Council at to order 1:40 p.m.

Acting Clerk of the Council Kara Wilson called the roll of the Council
Present: Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, LaCava, LaFauci, LeBlanc, Logan, McLaughlin, Tzioumis and Vidal.
Absent: None.

Acting Clerk of the Council Wilson recited the Council Prayer. Clerk Vizard followed by leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Councillor Durkee asked for a moment of silence for all military that have served past and present.

Clerk Vizard opened nominations for City Council President. Councillor Harris rose to nominate Robert G. Logan. Councillor LaCava rose to nominate John J. McLaughlin. Councillor Harris made a motion to close nominations. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The City Councils vote was required for the confirmation. Acting Clerk of the Council Wilson called the roll.

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur: John J. McLaughlin

Paul J. Brasco: John J. McLaughlin

Caren Dunn: Robert G. Logan

Sean T. Durkee: Robert G. Logan

William A. Hanley: Robert G. Logan

Cathyann Harris: Robert G. Logan

Paul S. Katz: Robert G. Logan

Tim King: Robert G. Logan

Joseph P. LaCava: John J. McLaughlin

Anthony LaFauci: John J. McLaughlin

Randy J. LeBlanc: Robert G. Logan

Robert G. Logan: Robert G. Logan

John J. McLaughlin: John J. McLaughlin

Emma Tzouimis: John J. McLaughlin

Carlos A. Vidal: Present

With 8 votes Robert G. Logan was voted as the President of the City Council for 2026.

Councillor Logan spoke to the Council. He thanked Councillor Harris for nominating him for President. He thanked the Council.

Councillor Hanley made a motion that was approved by a voice vote to adopt the 2025 Council Rules as the 2026 Council Rules.

In accordance with Rule 15, President Logan spoke and appointed Randall J. LeBlanc as the City Council Vice President for the year 2026. The City Councils vote was required for the confirmation. City Clerk Vizard called the Roll.

Colleen Bradley-MacArthur: No

Paul J. Brasco: Abstain

Caren Dunn: Yes

Sean T. Durkee: Yes

William A. Hanley: Yes

Cathyann Harris: Yes

Paul S. Katz: Yes

Tim King: Yes

Joseph P. LaCava: No

Anthony LaFauci: Abstain

Randy J. LeBlanc: Yes

Robert G. Logan: Yes

John J. McLaughlin: Yes

Emma Tzoumis: Yes

Carlos A. Vidal: Yes

With 11 votes Randall J. LeBlanc was voted as the Vice President of the City Council for 2026.

Councillor Brasco made a motion to adjourn. The motion was not recognized.

President Logan spoke about seating arrangements in the council and if anyone has a preference to reach out to him before the January 12, 2026 meeting.

Councillor LeBlanc spoke and thanked the President Logan for the nomination. Councillor LeBlanc thanked the Council.

Councillor McLaughlin asked for a moment of silence on the passing of William Durkee. Former Waltham City Councillor and father of Councillor Sean Durkee.

With no further matters Councillor King moved to adjourn. The motion was approved by a voice vote. President Logan declared the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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