



City Council

Audit Committee

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Justin Hurst (Chair)

February 11,
2026

12:00 PM

City Hall - Room 200

Roll Call

Virtual Attendance:

Justin Hurst (Chair)

Maria Perez (Committee member)

Kateri Walsh

Yong, No (Auditor)

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Brian Santaniello	City Councilor At Large	Excused	
Gerry Martin	City Councilor — Ward 7	Excused	
Maria Perez	City Councilor — Ward 1	Virtual	
Malo Brown	City Councilor — Ward 4	Excused	
Zaida Govan	City Councilor — Ward 8	Excused	
Kateri Walsh	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Justin Hurst	City Councilor At Large	Virtual	
Victor Davila	City Councilor — Ward 6	Excused	
Michael Fenton	City Councilor — Ward 2	Excused	
Jose Delgado	City Councilor At Large	Absent	
Lavar Click-Bruce	City Councilor — Ward 5	Excused	
Melvin Edwards	City Councilor — Ward 3	Excused	
Tracye Whitfield	City Councilor At Large	Excused	

Call To Order

12:00 PM Meeting called to order on February 11, 2026, Virtual Only.

Public Portion

1. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2027 Office of Internal Audit Goals

Minutes

Summary Minutes:

- **Justin Hurst:** Opened the meeting; noted no voting items on the agenda.
- **Kateri Walsh:** Thanked Auditor No for outreach and hard work, including soliciting Council input.
- **Yong No:** Presented FY27 audit goals:
 - **Goal 1:** Data-driven risk assessment for the annual audit plan; collecting input from Council and department heads.
 - **Goal 2, 3 & 6:** Use of technology, AI, and data mining; staff training on tools; smaller, efficient audit team.
 - **Goal 4:** Maintain an anonymous fraud reporting system via Syntrio Lighthouse; investigate substantiated allegations.
 - **Goal 5:** Resource allocation: 50% audits, 20% hotline/investigations, 30% training/admin.
- **Justin Hurst:** Confirmed Council can still submit risk intake forms.
- **Kateri Walsh:** Asked about fraud hotline volume (15–21 calls annually) and number substantiated (few); inquired about potential trouble spots—Auditor No cited school lunch and transportation contracts; confirmed findings go to the mayor.
- **Maria Perez:** Clarified draft FY27 audit plan process; will be reviewed by the Audit Committee before City Council approval.
- **Justin Hurst:** Noted prior audit impact (Sodexo contract cost savings) and raised a question about city vehicle tracking for department heads.
- **Yong No:** Confirmed that the follow-up fleet audit is in progress; it will include

administrative vehicles and be presented in the spring.

Action Items:

- Auditor No to share the FY26 audit plan with committee members.
- Follow up with the City Council to submit risk intake forms.
- Present the FY27 draft audit plan to the Audit Committee in April.
- Complete and present fleet management audit in spring.
- **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Maria Perez, seconded by Justin Hurst; motion approved.

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