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Thursday, February 25, 2021.

Met at twelve minutes past eleven o'clock A.M. (Mr. Boncore in the Chair) (having been appointed by the President, under authority conferred by Senate Rule 4, to perform the duties of the Chair).

The Chair (Mr. Boncore), members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Communications.

The following communications were severally received and placed on file, to wit:

Communication from His Excellency the Governor announcing the following appointments (pursuant to Section 105 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special commission established to conduct a study on government use of facial recognition technology in the commonwealth (received in the Office of the Clerk of the Senate on Wednesday, February 23, 2021 at nine minutes past twelve o'clock P.M.):

Special commission on facial recognition appointments.

- Ms. Marcella L. King
• Mr. Erik G. Learned-Miller
• Mr. Michael D. Papagni
• Lt. Thomas N. Reddy

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the appointment (pursuant to Section 105 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) of Robert J. Cordy to the special commission established to conduct a study on government use of facial recognition technology in the commonwealth (received February 22, 2021);

Id.

Communication from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (pursuant to Section 16F(b) of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the FY21 Chapter 171 Individual and Family Support Plans on behalf of the following agencies: Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Commission for the Blind, Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and MassHealth (received February 22, 2021);

EOHHS,-- Ch. 171 support plans. SD2493

Communication from the Department of Public Health relative to its plans of correction for the Bridgewater State Hospital inspection on January 21, 2021 and South Middlesex Correctional Center inspection on January 23, 2021 (received February 24, 2021); and

DPH,-- plans of correction. SD2496

Communication from the Honorable Bruce E. Tarr, Senate Minority Leader, announcing the following senate and joint committee appointments:

Minority Committee appointments.

Joint Special Committee on Redistricting. — Senator Ryan C. Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

Senate Standing Committees.

ETHICS. — Senators O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

RULES. — Senators Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

WAYS AND MEANS. — Senators O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk, Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

BILLS IN THE THIRD READING. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

POST AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT. — Senators Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk and O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

STEERING AND POLICY. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

REDISTRICTING. — Senators Tarr of Essex and Middlesex and Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION. — Senators O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

REIMAGINING MASSACHUSETTS POST-PANDEMIC RESILIENCY. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

Joint Standing Committees.

ADVANCED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, THE INTERNET AND CYBERSECURITY. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

BONDING, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND STATE ASSETS. — Senators Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk and Tarr of Essex and Middlesex

CANNABIS POLICY. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL BUSINESSES. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

COVID-19 AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND MANAGEMENT. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

EDUCATION. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

ELDER AFFAIRS. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

ELECTION LAWS. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

EXPORT DEVELOPMENT. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

FINANCIAL SERVICES. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

HEALTH CARE FINANCING. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

HIGHER EDUCATION. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

HOUSING. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE USE AND RECOVERY. — Senator

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O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

PUBLIC HEALTH. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

PUBLIC SERVICE. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

RACIAL EQUITY, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND INCLUSION. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

REVENUE. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

STATE ADMINISTRATION AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES AND ENERGY. — Senator Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

THE JUDICIARY. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

TRANSPORTATION. — Senator O'Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk.

VETERANS AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS. — Senator Fattman of Worcester and Norfolk.

Report.

Report of the Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Workforce Council (pursuant to Section 75(a) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting its 2019-2020 bi-annual performance review report (received February 23, 2021),-- **was placed on file.**

PCA Council,-- bi-annual report.
SD2495

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (having been filed with the Clerk) were considered forthwith and adopted, as follows:-

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Brownsberger) “commending the Admetech Foundation on observing the twelfth annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Day and Honoring Black History Month on February 25, 2021.”

Prostate Cancer Awareness Day and Honoring Black History Month.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE.

A Bill relative to the office of Mayor in the city of Boston (House, No. 67,-- on petition) [Local approval received],-- was read.

Boston,-- mayoral election.

There being no objection, the rules were suspended, on motion of Mr. O'Connor and the bill was read a second time, ordered to a third reading, read a third time and, after remarks, passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to read as follows:- “An Act providing for a vacancy in the office of mayor of the city of Boston”.

Engrossed Bill.

An engrossed Bill providing for a vacancy in the office of mayor of the city of Boston (see House, No. 67) (which originated in the House), **having been certified by the Senate Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted and signed by the Acting President (Mr. Boncore) and laid**

Bill laid before the Governor.

before the Governor for his approbation.

Order Adopted.

On motion of Mr. O'Connor,--

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M., and that the Clerk be directed to dispense with the printing of a calendar.

Time of meeting.

On motion of the same Senator, at twenty-nine minutes before twelve o'clock noon, the Senate adjourned to meet again on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.