Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
10:00 AM
Kennedy Room
Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:06a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, Chair Aldridge, President Green. **5 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following member joined the meeting while in progress, making a total of 6 members present: Ms. Velazquez.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, December 3, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 3, 2025, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 3, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the Wednesday, December 3, 2025, committee meeting minutes.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, Chair Aldridge, President Green. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

Board Bill Number 106
Introduced by President Megan E. Green, Rasheen Aldridge
An ordinance calling and providing for the holding of an election in the City of St. Louis on April 7, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposal to reauthorize a one half of one percent sales tax on all retail sales made in the City of St. Louis which are subject to taxation under Chapter 144 RSMo. in order to approve the use of said tax for bus rapid transit; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Megan Green, President of the Board of Aldermen, for introducing Board Bill Number 106 before the committee.

Ms. Green stated that she had a committee substitute to Board Bill Number 106 that she would like to put before the committee.

Ms. Green gave a brief discussion of the committee substitute to Board Bill Number 106.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 106.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adopt the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 106.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 106 was adopted.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

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The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, Chair Aldridge and President Green. 5 Aye votes were cast.

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Ms. Green presented a PowerPoint Presentation on putting Bus Rapid Transit onto the ballot.

The Chair recognized Tammy Parris, EVP and CFO for Bi-State Development, and Scott Oglivie, Program Manager, City of St. Louis Planning and Urban Design Agency to speak on Board Bill Number 106 Committee Substitute.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

In Support of Board Bill 106CS	In Opposition of Board Bill Number 106CS
1. Liz Kramer, ward 7	1. Josiah Zimmer, ward 7
	2. Carla Alexander, ward 11

Hearing no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair recognized Ms. Green for final remarks.

Ms. Green gave final remarks and asked that Board Bill Number 106 Committee Substitute be held in committee.

After no further discussion, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 106 Committee Substitute was held in committee.

Board Bill Number 112
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge
An ordinance recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment making a supplemental appropriation to the Annual Budget Ordinance 71995 for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, amounting to the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($350,000.00), and containing an Emergency Clause.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Ms. Sonnier to chair until Vice-Chair Browning returned to the meeting while he discussed Board Bill Number 112.

Ms. Sonnier recognized Mr. Aldridge for introducing Board Bill Number 112 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge presented Board Bill Number 112 before the committee.

After no further discussion, Vice-Chair Browning recognized Gentry Trotter, Founder of Heat Up St. Louis to speak on Board Bill Number 112.

Mr. Trotter spoke about how Board Bill Number 112 would help the community and how his organization Heat Up St. Louis serves the community.

After no further discussion, Vice-Chair Browning opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Ms. Sonnier entertained a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 112.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

After no further discussion, members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, Vice-Chair Browning entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 112 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Sonnier moved to pass Board Bill Number 112 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 112 passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes.
The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, Chair Aldridge, President Green. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote: Ms. Velazquez
None

A total of 5 votes were cast. The motion carried.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

(The committee will discuss and take public comment on the following)

<u>Discussion Item Number 1</u>
Kwame Building Group
The Kwame Building Group will have a presentation for the committee.

The Chair recognized members of the Kwame Building Group. Michael Thompson who is the Business Development and Marketing Director, Patrick McElroy who is the Project Executive and Lamar Wilkes, Jr. who is the Project Manager.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. McElroy, and Mr. Wilkes presented a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the STL Recovers Program and the scope of work and efforts that go into making the program successful.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

There are 3 letters in opposition to Board Bill Number 106 Committee Substitute provided in the Google Drive for review.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All members were present.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business to discuss, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13pm.

Minutes prepared by: Assoc. Clerk, Ora Heggs
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