



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Thursday, January 8, 2026
6:00 PM**

Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Ms. Velazquez moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded: The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, Chair

Aldridge, and 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 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Item Number 1

Rams Settlement Interest Monies

The committee will discuss the use of Rams Settlement Funds and interest monies.

The Chair recognized Jim Hill, Chief Recovery Officer, Mayors Office.

Mr. Hill presented a PowerPoint presentation outlining the recovery office priorities and progress and an update on recovery office spending.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

Rams Settlement Interest Monies

1. Michael McLemore, 12th ward
2. WyKeshia Atkins, 10th ward
3. Cynthia Jordan, St. Louis County, online speaker

4. Andrew Rucker, 11th ward
5. Rodney Wilson Jr. 10th ward
6. Melanie Marie, Response Organizer
7. Dallas Adams, 3rd ward

Hearing no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair recognized Mr. Hill and Julius Nicks, Chief Recovery and Neighborhood Transformation Officer to approach the podium to answer questions and comments from members of the committee.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

Mr. Hill answered questions and addressed comments made by members of the committee.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair had one last member of the public to testify.

Rams Settlement Interest Monies

1. Stanley Luckett, 9th ward

After no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

The Chair announced the following Budget and Public Employee Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in the Kennedy Room at 6:00 pm.

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Mr. Browning for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

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

Ms. Velazquez moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.