



**Preliminary Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Wednesday, January 14, 2026
12:00 PM
Kennedy Room**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Thursday, January 8, 2026, committee meeting.

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

Mr. Devoti moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

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, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **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.

Due to an oversight on the agenda, the Chair approved the incorrect minutes and had to reconsider the motion on the approval of the minutes of Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

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

Mr. Aldridge moved to reconsider the approval of the minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to reconsider the approval of 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, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. 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.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 8, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Aldridge moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 8, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, January 8, 2026, committee meeting.

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

None

V. Resolutions for Review

Resolution Number 194

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the

assessment and equalization maintenance plan prepared by the Assessor is hereby approved as required by law.

The Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer for introducing Resolution Number 194 before the committee.

Ms. Schweitzer gave a brief description of Resolution Number 194.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer stated that she had a committee substitute to Resolution Number 194 that she wanted to put before the committee.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194.

Mr. Browning moved to adopt the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that the committee substitute to Resolution Number 194 was adopted.

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, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **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.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Shawn Ordway, Assessor for the City of St. Louis before the committee.

Mr. Ordway discussed the assessment and equalization maintenance plan.

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 recognized Ms. Schweitzer for her final closing statement.

Ms. Schweitzer gave her final statement on Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute before asking for favorable consideration on Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Browning moved to pass Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Resolution Number 194 Committee Substitute passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.
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Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **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.

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

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.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

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, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair
Aldridge. **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.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.