



Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
6:00 PM
Webinar

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll, and the following members answered with their names: Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members joined the meeting while in progress, making a total of 6 members present: Ms. Sonnier and President Green.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, January 14, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 14, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 14, 2026, 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, January 14, 2026, committee meeting.

The Associate clerk called the roll, and the following votes were recorded:
The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, Chair Aldridge, and President Green. **5 Ayes votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
Ms. Sonnier

A total of 5 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 Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery and Neighborhood Transformation Officer, Mayor's Office.

Mr. Nicks presented a PowerPoint Presentation with Jim Hill, Chief Financial Recovery Officer for the Mayor's Office, Jennifer Brinkman, Tornado Recovery Advisory Committee, and Laura Ginn, STL Strategist. The presentation outlined and gave an update on the recovery office strategic plan, recovered residents' winter updates, and repaired properties, such as demolition debris and repairs. It also outlined the resource plans for funding updates, the reminders, and the next steps toward recovery.

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

Members of the public gave testimony and made comments on the Rams Settlement Funds and interest monies.

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| 1. Cami Thomas, 14th ward | 12. Melanie RMarie, Action St. Louis |
| 2. Eddie Cox, 6th ward | 13. Gwendolyn Cogshell, 10th ward |
| 3. Adrian Gomez, Eureka | 14. Danya Gerasimova, 7th ward |
| 4. Erin Monahan, 7th ward | 15. Cynthia Jordan, Creve Coeur |
| 5. Dana Backues, 4th ward | 16. Steve Markley, 3rd ward |
| 6. Jonah Lynd-Porter, 8th ward | 17. Heather Hagenan, |
| 7. Rosa Parks, 6th ward | 18. L. J. Punch, 314 Oasis |
| 8. Ryan Dieboll, Woodson Parish
County | 19. Shawn Carter, 13th ward |
| 9. Michael Mclemore, 12th ward | 20. Addie Gray, 6th ward |
| 10. Molly Metzger, 4th ward | 21. Keniesha Scott, 11th ward |
| 11. Christopher Sudik, North Woods | 22. Aminhan Lobster 3rd Ward |

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 thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

The Chair announced that the following Budget and Public Employee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm. in the Kennedy Room or via webinar, depending on the weather.

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. Browning moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by President Green.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.