



**Minutes  
Legislation & Rules Regular Committee  
Tuesday, February 10, 2026  
2:00 PM  
Kennedy Room**

**Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved**

**I. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:04pm.

**II. Roll Call**

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

*Mr. Cohn joined the meeting after it began, bringing the total roll count to 5 members present.*

**III. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the minutes from Tuesday, September 30, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 30, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Devoti moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 30, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 30, 2025, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll.  
The following voted Aye: Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **4 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 4 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 54**

**Introduced by Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez** An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis repealing Section 5 of Article IV of the Charter in order to have the same non-partisan, top-two runoff system in special elections for Aldermen that is used in regular city elections; providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and for the publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance and containing an emergency clause.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Devoti so she could introduce Board Bill Number 54 before the committee.

Ms. Velazquez presented a PowerPoint Presentation before the committee.

After no further discussion, the Vice-Chair recognized Ben Borgmeyer, Democratic Director for the Board of Elections.

Mr. Borgmeyer spoke about how vacancy elections are conducted.

After no further discussion, the Vice-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 and comments from members of the committee, the Vice-Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

**In Opposition to Board Bill Number 54**

1. Sean Fauss, 1st ward
2. Amber Cole, 11th ward
3. Wiley Price, 10th ward

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Vice-Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 54 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Vice-Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to pass Board Bill Number 54 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Sonnier moved to pass Board Bill Number 54 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

The Vice-Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to pass Board Bill Number 54 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

The Associate Clerk called the roll.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **4 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Ms. Keys  
One

The following abstained:  
None

The following were present but did not vote:  
None

**A total of 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.**

After no further discussion, the Vice-Chair turned the meeting back over to Chair Velazquez to resume chairing the meeting.

**Board Bill Number 137**

**Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti** An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis the question of whether to amend the City of St. Louis Charter to modernize language describing City departments, divisions, and other organization, to provide for modern methods of advertisement and publication, to delete obsolete references to Missouri statute, to delete obsolete references to City departments, divisions, or other organization, to revise references to pay scale, to replace pronouns with specific title references, and to standardize capitalization of titles and uniform formatting of numbers; providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment, for the manner of voting, and the publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Mr. Devoti for introducing Board Bill Number 137 before the committee.

Mr. Devoti discussed Board Bill Number 137.

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 and comments from members of the committee, Ms. Sonnier asked for Board Bill Number 137 to be en banc.

The Chair entertained a motion to en banc Board Bill Number 137.

committee.

Ms. Sonnier moved to en banc Board Bill Number 137 out of committee.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

The Vice-Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to en banc Board Bill Number 137 out of committee.

The Associate Clerk called the roll.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **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.**

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 137 en banc out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Ms. Velazquez moved to pass Board Bill Number 137 en banc out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Keys

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

**Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 137 en banc passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.**

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll.  
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:  
None

The following voted Present:  
None

The following Abstained:  
None

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

**V. Resolutions for Review**

None

**VI. Committee Discussions**

None

**VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony**

There is one letter of support provided in the Google Drive for review.

**VIII. Announcements**

None

**IX. Excused Members**

The entertained a motion to excuse Mr. Narayan for necessary absence.

Mr. Devoti moved to excuse Mr. Narayan for necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

**Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Mr. Narayan was excused for necessary absence.**

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll.  
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **5 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:  
None

The following voted Present:  
None

The following Abstained:  
None

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

## **X. Adjournment**

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

Ms. Keys moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Sonnier requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll the Chair stated that the meeting was adjourned.

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

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The following voted No:  
None

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

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

**The meeting adjourned at 2.46pm.**