Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Committee
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
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 10:05am

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti and Chair Aldridge. **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

The following members joined the meeting while in progress, making a total of 4 members present: Ms. Velazquez.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, January 28, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 28, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Browning moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, January 28, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded: The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote: Ms. Velazquez
One

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

<u>Board Bill Number 126</u>
Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan, President Megan E. Green An ordinance requiring all short-term rental operators to obtain a short-term rental business license; imposing a license fee of three percent of the rent charged for each short-term rental, to be paid quarterly; authorizing the License Collector to collect such license fee on behalf of the City of St. Louis and to administer and enforce the license requirement; designating the uses of license fee revenue; directing the Comptroller to establish an account to be known as the Affordable Housing-License Fee Fund; and containing a severability and emergency clause.

The Chair recognized Mr. Narayan for introducing Board Bill Number 126 before the committee.

Mr. Narayan stated that he had a committee substitute to Board Bill Number 126 that he wanted to put before the committee.

The Chair stated that the committee substitute was before them and in the drive.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt the committee substitute to Board Bill Number 126.

Mr. Browning moved to adopt the committee substitute to Board Bill Number

126.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded. The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **3 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
One

A total of 3 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further discussion, Mr. Narayan spoke about the details of Board Bill Number 126 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.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair asked to be added as a co-sponsor to Board Bill Number 126 Committee Substitute.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 126 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Browning moved to pass Board Bill Number 126 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded. The following voted Aye: Mr. Browning, Ms. Velazquez, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Ms. Sonnier for necessary absence.

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 Mr. Devoti.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17am.

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