



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, February 25, 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 6:07 PM.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, February 11, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 11, 2026, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 11, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 11, 2026, committee meeting.

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

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 Officer, City of St. Louis Office of Mayor Spencer.

Mr. Nicks stated that he and members of his team, Jim Hill, Chief Cost Recovery Officer, Jennifer Brinkmann, Director of Recovery Innovation, and Laura Ginn, Office of Recovery, would present a PowerPoint Presentation outlining the most recent updates as it pertains to the Recovery Office's strategic plans, recovered residents winter update, repaired properties such as demolition, debris and repairs, resourced plans such as funding updates, and the reminders and next steps toward recovery for tornado relief.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair recognized each member of the Recovery Office to speak.

After each member of the Recovery Office spoke, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public to testify about how they feel the Rams Settlement Interest Monies should be spent.

In-Person Speakers/Online Speakers

1. Christopher Sudlik, Northwoods resident
2. Kasey Fowler, 6th ward, online speaker
3. Makeda Baruka, 11th ward
4. Cynthia Jordan, Creve Coeur resident, online speaker
5. Fo Feet Alkebulan, 11th ward
6. Quinn Mills, 6th ward, online speaker
7. Westbrook, Baden resident
8. Layla Shaw, 6th ward, online speaker
9. Kuumba, 6th ward
10. Sealli Moyenda, 11th ward
11. Kim Curry, 13th ward
12. Erion Johnson, 10th ward
13. Jesse Nevel, 7th ward
14. Andren Rucker, 11th ward
15. Michael Mclemore, 12th ward
16. Dylan Gordes 10th ward
17. Stephanie Midler, 2nd ward
18. Ekenge Mayele, 11th ward
19. Jamila Mitchell, 12th ward
20. James Pennington, 8th ward
21. Donna Cutelli, 2nd ward
22. Sarah Rider, 6th ward
23. Cami Cruz Thomas, 14th ward
24. Melanie Marie Randal, Ferguson resident and Rep. for Action St. Louis
25. Aminhan Lobster, 3rd ward
26. Eddie Cox, 6th ward
27. Dominic Groaning, 11th ward
28. Dallas Adams, 3rd ward
29. Troy Thomas, 14th ward

Hearing no further testimony from members of the public, the Chair recognized Mr. Nicks and members of his team to answer questions and comments made by committee members and members of the public.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further discussion, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

Mr. Aldridge stated that the next Budget and Public Employee meeting regarding the Rams Settlement Interest Monies could possibly be held at the O'Fallon Park Rec. Complex

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 Mr. Devoti.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 10:13pm.