



Agenda
Legislation & Rules Committee
Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - 4:00 PM
Kennedy Room

President Megan Green
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez, Chair
Alderman Matt Devoti, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderman Shane Cohn
Alderman Bret Narayan
Alderwoman Laura Keys
Alderman Alisha Sonnier

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Monday, June 22, 2026, and Friday, June 26, 2026, committee minutes.

IV. Board Bills for Review

Board Bill Number 36

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis amending Article VIII, Section 1 to provide for the City Counselor to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen by a majority vote and providing for a process of removal of the City Counselor either by Mayoral action or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Aldermen; and providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and providing for publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Item Number 1

The committee will engross Board Bill 33 As Amended in Committee.

Discussion Item Number 2

The committee will engross Board Bill 43 As Amended in Committee.

Discussion Item Number 3

The committee will discuss the Mayoral Appointments to the Library Board: Sharon Shahid, Kathy Surratt-States, and Gregory Glore.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment



**Minutes
Legislation & Rules Committee
Monday, June 22, 2026
2:30 PM
Kennedy Room**

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I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:53pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Thursday, May 28, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 28, 2026, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 28, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 28, 2026, committee meeting. The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, 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.

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

The committee will engross Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee, Board Bill Number 10 As Amended on the Floor, Board Bill Number 22 As Amended on the Floor, and Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor.

Before recognizing Clerk Rogers to come before the committee, the Chair stated the meeting would begin out of order, starting with Board Bill Number 10.

Before discussion of each Board Bill, the Chair confirmed with the Clerk that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations have been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

The Chair recognized Sharita Rogers, Clerk to the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis, to discuss Board Bill Number 10 As Amended on the Floor, Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor, Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee, and Board Bill Number 22 As Amended on the Floor.

Ms. Rogers appeared before the committee to review and clarify amendments adopted both by the Budget & Public Employee Committee and by the Full Board of Aldermen. Clerk Rogers discussed the revisions with committee

members to ensure that all amendments were accurately reflected and that the engrossed copy was consistent. She further explained that any clerical errors or discrepancies would be corrected prior to the committee's consideration of the Board Bill.

Chair Velazquez put Board Bill Number 10 As Amended on the Floor before the committee.

Clerk Rogers discussed the amendment requested by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Mr. Cohn pointed out that the page numbers were not accurate. He stated that it appeared to be 21 pages instead of 20 pages.

Members of the committee discussed the amendment to ensure that all revisions made were reflected in the engrossed copy of the Board Bill.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion contingent upon the necessary change to correct the page number to reflect pages 1 of 21 instead of 1 of 20 and pass Board Bill Number 10 As Amended on the Floor out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Devoti moved, contingent upon the necessary change, to correct the page number to reflect pages 1 of 21 instead of 1 of 20 and pass Board Bill Number 10 As Amended on the Floor out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

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. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, 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

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 Clerk Rogers to speak on Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor.

The Chair confirmed with the Clerk that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations have been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

Clerk Rogers discussed the amendment requested by Mr. Devoti.

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 entertained a motion to engross Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor contingent upon the spelling error of the word "number" being corrected and the formatting of the numbering of sections 3 to 8 being made consistent out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Velazquez moved to engross Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor contingent upon the spelling error of the word "number" being corrected, and the formatting of the numbering of sections 3 to 8 being made consistent out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 28 As Amended on the Floor was engrossed contingent upon the spelling error of the word "number" being corrected, and the formatting of the numbering of sections 3 to 8 being made consistent out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, 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

The following were present but did not vote:

None

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

After no further discussion, at 3:41pm, the Chair entertained a motion to go into recess until 3:52pm.

Mr. Devoti moved to go into recess until 3:52pm.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The Chair entertained a motion at 4:06pm to return from recess.

Ms. Velazquez moved to return from recess.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Clerk Rogers to speak on Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee.

The Chair confirmed with Clerk Rogers that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations have been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

Chair Velazquez, Vice Chair Devoti and Clerk Rogers discussed each amendment to Board Bill Number 1 As Amended to determine which ones were accurate and which ones were held for revision from E&A.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director, City of St. Louis to compare line items pertaining to the amendments adopted to Board Bill Number 1 for accuracy.

Mr. Payne explained each line item 1-14c of the summary of E&A responses to the Budget & Public Employees Committee and other proposed changes to Board Bill Number 1 and FY27 Personnel Schedules for accuracy.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Hearing no questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to engross Board Bill Number 1 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Cohn moved to engross Board Bill Number 1 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

The Chair entertained a motion to withdraw the motion because the motion was called to engross Board Bill Number 1 instead of Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in committee.

Mr. Cohn withdrew his motion and Ms. Sonnier withdrew her second.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to engross Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Velazquez moved to engross Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 1 As Amended in Committee was engrossed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, 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

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 Clerk Rogers to discuss Board Bill Number 22 As amended on the Floor.

The Chair confirmed with Clerk Rogers that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations have been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

Clerk Rogers discussed the amendments that were incorporated into Board Bill Number 22 As Amended on the Floor and discussed the amendments that were rejected.

After thoroughly discussing amendments adopted in committee and on the floor, the committee discovered some discrepancies with amendments numbers 2 and 15, which led to Board Bill Number 22 on the Floor being held in committee to allow for the necessary revisions.

After no further discussion, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 22 as Amended on the Floor was held in committee.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair moved to excuse Ms. Keys for necessary absence.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

X. Adjournment

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

Mr. Narayan moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.



**Minutes
Legislation & Rules Committee
Friday, June 26, 2026
12:00 PM
Kennedy Room**

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I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

None

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

The committee will engross Board Bill Number 22 As Amended on the Floor

The Chair recognized Clerk Rogers to speak on amendments 2 and 15.

Clerk Rogers explained that Amendment Number 2, introduced by President Green, and Amendment Number 15, introduced by Ms. Sonnier, were amendments that held Board Bill Number 22 as Amended on the Floor in committee because they needed some revisions. Clerk Rogers explained that

she, along with members of President Green's office, thoroughly reviewed Board Bill Number 22 As Amended on the Floor line by line to ensure that all amendments were accurately incorporated into the engrossed copy of Board Bill Number 22 as Amended on the Floor.

Members of the committee, along with Clerk Rogers, discussed Amendments Numbers 2 and 15 and verified that all the revisions made to the amendments were incorporated into the engrossed copy of Board Bill Number 22 as Amended in Committee.

After no further discussion, the Chair confirmed with the Clerk that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations have been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

The Chair entertained a motion to engross Board Bill Number 22 as Amended on the Floor out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Sonnier moved to engross Board Bill Number 22 as Amended on the Floor 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. Cohn, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **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.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair moved to excuse Mr. Narayan and Ms. Keys for their necessary absence.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Mr. Devoti requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Mr. Narayan and Ms. Keys were excused for necessary absence.

The Associate Clerk recorded the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.

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

X. Adjournment

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

Ms. Sonnier moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Mr. Devoti requested the previous roll.

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

The Associate Clerk recorded the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.

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

The meeting adjourned at 12:27pm.

Summary
Board Bill Number 36
Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge Jr.
June 5, 2026

An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis amending Article VIII, Section 1 to provide for the City Counselor to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen by a majority vote and providing for a process of removal of the City Counselor either by Mayoral action or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Aldermen; and providing for an election to be held for voting on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and providing for publication, certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

BOARD BILL NUMBER 36 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN RASHEEN ALDRIDGE

1 An ordinance submitting to the qualified voters of the City of St. Louis a proposed amendment to
2 the Charter of the City of St. Louis amending Article VIII, Section 1 to provide for the City
3 Counselor to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen by a majority
4 vote and providing for a process of removal of the City Counselor either by Mayoral action or by
5 a two-thirds vote of the Board of Aldermen; and providing for an election to be held for voting
6 on the proposed amendment and for the manner of voting; and providing for publication,
7 certification, deposit, and recording of this ordinance; and containing an emergency clause.

8 **WHEREAS**, the City of St. Louis is empowered by the Missouri Constitution Article VI § 32(a)
9 to amend or revise its charter; and

10 **WHEREAS**, because the City Counselor serves as legal advisor for the City as a whole,
11 decisions regarding leadership of the City Counselor’s Office should involve both the executive
12 and the legislative branch of local government.

13 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS**

14 **SECTION ONE.** The following amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis is
15 hereby proposed and submitted to the voters of the city, to be voted upon at an election to be held
16 as hereinafter provided. Said amendment is in words and figures as follows:

17 **Section 1 of Article VIII** of the Charter of the City of St. Louis shall be hereby amended to read
18 as follows:

19 Section 1 - Appointments to be made by mayor; tenure.

20 The mayor shall appoint the following officers at his convenience, to hold for the term for which
21 he was elected and until their successors qualify: assessor, supply commissioner, register, ~~city~~
22 ~~counselor~~, city marshal, city court judges, clerk of city courts, president board of public service,

1 director of public utilities, director of streets, director of welfare, director of parks, recreation and
2 forestry, director of health and hospitals and director of public safety.

3 **The Mayor shall nominate a city counselor to be approved by the Board of Aldermen by a**
4 **majority vote of all the members. The city counselor shall serve until removed from**
5 **office either by action of the Mayor or by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board**
6 **of Aldermen.**

7 **SECTION TWO.** The foregoing proposed amendment to the Charter of the City of St.
8 Louis shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the City at the next primary or general election
9 at which it can be lawfully submitted, and if said proposed amendment shall receive in its favor
10 the number of votes required by law, such amendment shall be adopted and become a part of the
11 Charter of the City of St. Louis from the date of said election. Qualified voters of the City of St.
12 Louis may at the election aforesaid vote a ballot substantially in the following form:

13 **OFFICIAL BALLOT:**

14 Instructions to voters:

15 To vote in favor of the proposition submitted upon this ballot, place a cross (X) mark in
16 the square opposite the word "Yes"; and to vote against the said proposition, place a cross (X)
17 mark in the square opposite the word "NO".

18 **PROPOSITION 1**

19 Shall Section 1 of Article VIII of the City of St. Louis Charter be amended to provide for the
20 City Counselor to be nominated by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Aldermen by a
21 majority vote; and provide for the City Counselor to serve until removed from
22 office either by action of the Mayor or by a two-thirds vote of all the members of the Board of
23 Aldermen.

1 **SECTION THREE.** The Board of Election Commissioners shall provide the ballots or
2 voting machines or both and conduct the election and shall ascertain and certify the result thereof
3 according to the law. If voting machines are used, the aforesaid OFFICIAL BALLOT shall be
4 placed or posted on the said voting machines wherever said machines are used under the
5 direction of the Board of Election Commissioners for the City of St. Louis and according to law.

6 **SECTION FOUR.** Upon the approval of this ordinance, it shall be published in the City
7 Journal, the official publication of the City of St. Louis, Missouri. Proof of the publication of this
8 ordinance shall be made by affidavit of the City Register, and such affidavit shall be filed in the
9 office of the City Register and a copy of such publication shall be attached thereto.

10 **SECTION FIVE.** Upon the approval of this charter amendment, it shall be certified,
11 deposited and recorded as required by Article VI, Section 33 of the Constitution of Missouri,
12 shall be filed in the office of the City Register and shall take effect upon the certification of the
13 result of the election thereon.

14 **SECTION SIX.** This being a bill calling for an election for submission to the people of
15 an amendment to the Charter of the City of St. Louis, it is hereby declared to be an emergency
16 measure and shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.