Agenda
Legislation & Rules Committee Meeting
St. Louis Board of Aldermen
Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 2:00 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 Wednesday, July 15, 2026, committee meeting.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

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

Resolution Number 59
Introduced by Alderwoman Pamela Boyd NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS: The Board of Aldermen respectfully calls upon Scott Fitzpatrick, Missouri State Auditor, to promptly commence a performance audit of the City of St. Louis consistent with the intent expressed by the citizens who supported the petition effort.

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Number 1
The committee will discuss the engrossment process.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

X. Adjournment

Minutes
Legislation & Rules Committee
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
10:00 AM
Webinar
Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

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. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **6 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, committee meeting

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Cohn moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Narayan.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, July 1, 2026, committee meeting. The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti and Chair Velazquez. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

None

VI. Committee Discussions

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

The Chair stated that she would go out of order of the agenda and begin with Discussion Item Number 3.

Discussion Item 1
The committee will engross Board Bill Number 34AAIC.

The Chair entertained a motion to move Board Bill Number 34 as amended in committee to the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee.

Mr. Cohn moved to move Board Bill Number 34 as amended in committee to the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Ms. Sonnier requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 34 as amended in committee, was moved to the Public Infrastructure and Utilities Committee.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier,

Mr. Devoti, and Ms. Velazquez. 6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Discussion Item 2
The committee will engross Board Bill Number 41AAIC.

The Chair recognized Deputy Clerk Johnson on Board Bill Number 41 as amended in committee.

Mr. Johnson did a walk-through of Board Bill Number 41 as amended in committee to confirm that all the amendments were incorporated into the engrossed copy of Board Bill Number 41 as amended correctly.

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 hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to hold Board Bill Number 41 as amended in committee.

Ms. Sonnier moved to hold Board Bill Number 41 as amended in committee.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Ms. Sonnier requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 41 as amended in committee was held in committee.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Ms. Velazquez. 6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

<u>Discussion Item 3</u>
The committee will engross Board Bill Number 50FS.

The Chair recognized Deputy Clerk Johnson to speak on Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute.

Mr. Johnson did a walk-through of Board Bill Number 50FS and confirmed that amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute was incorporated into the Board Bill correctly.

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 confirmed with Deputy Clerk Johnson that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations had been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

Mr. Johnson responded no, only to later change his response to yes after being given confirmation that dates, figures, cross-references, and citations had been reviewed by both the legal and financial analyst before engrossment.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Mr. Cohn moved to pass Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, Ms. Velazquez. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, and Ms. Keys.
Three

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote.
None

A total of 6 votes were cast. The motion Failed.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to reconsider the motion on Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute.

Mr. Cohn moved to reconsider the motion on Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

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. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Ms. Velazquez. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to hold Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute in committee.

Mr. Cohn moved to hold Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute in committee.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 50 Floor Substitute was held in committee.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Ms. Velazquez. 6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

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. Cohn moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

Mr. Narayan requested the previous roll.

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

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll and the following votes were recorded.
The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Mr. Narayan, Ms. Keys, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Devoti, and Ms. Velazquez. 6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 101:44am.

[MIN_SIGNATURES]

RESOLUTION NUMBER 59
REQUESTING THAT MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR, SCOTT FITZPATRICK IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE THE PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS SOUGHT THROUGH CITIZEN PETITION

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis is presently undertaking significant fiscal and public policy decisions that will impact the residents of the City for years to come; and

WHEREAS, public debate concerning North St. Louis tornado recovery efforts, public safety funding, water system infrastructure financing, redevelopment policy, and the overall allocation of public resources has intensified the need for transparency and accountability in municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the City has acknowledged deficiencies and concerns relating to certain grant administration programs, while additional questions regarding redevelopment practices, fiscal oversight, and governmental efficiency have been raised publicly and reported in the media; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis has received and continues to manage substantial public funds, including federal COVID-19 relief funding and proceeds from the Rams settlement, making strong financial oversight and public confidence critically important; and

WHEREAS, residents of the City of St. Louis exercised their rights under Missouri law by organizing and circulating a citizen petition seeking a performance audit by the Missouri State Auditor, and numerous elected officials, including members of the Board of Aldermen and a majority the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, signed said petition; and

WHEREAS, disputes have arisen concerning the certification of petition signatures by the St. Louis Board of Election Commissioners, including concerns regarding the methodology used in evaluating signatures and whether certain valid signatures were improperly rejected; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Secretary of State has reportedly requested that the Board of Election Commissioners re-examine aspects of the signature review process; and

WHEREAS, regardless of ongoing procedural disputes, the citizens of the City of St. Louis have demonstrated substantial public interest in obtaining an independent review of City operations, financial practices, and administrative efficiency;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Board of Aldermen respectfully calls upon Scott Fitzpatrick, Missouri State Auditor, to promptly commence a performance audit of the City of St. Louis consistent with the intent expressed by the citizens who supported the petition effort.
2. The Board further expresses its support for transparency, accountability, fiscal integrity, and public confidence in the administration of City government.

3. The Board requests that all relevant City departments, agencies, boards, and commissions cooperate fully with any audit or review conducted by the Office of the Missouri State Auditor.

4. The Clerk of the Board of Aldermen is directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Office of the Missouri State Auditor, the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, the Comptroller, the President of the Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Election Commissioners.

Introduced this 2nd day of July, 2026 by:
The Honorable Pamela Boyd, Alderwoman 13th Ward

Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2026 as attested by:

Sharita Rogers	**Megan Green**
Clerk, Board of Aldermen	**President, Board of Aldermen**