



**Minutes
Transportation & Commerce Committee
Tuesday, June 2, 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 10:05 am.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll and the following members answered their names: Mr. Narayan, Ms. Schweitzer and Chair Cohn. **3 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Tuesday, May 26, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, May 26, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Narayan moved to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, May 26, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

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. Narayan, Ms. Schweitzer and Chair Cohn. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No:
None

The following voted Present:
None

The Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

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

IV. Board Bills for Review

None

V. Resolutions for Review

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

Resolution Number 33

Introduced by Alderwoman Anne Schweitzer, Shane Cohn, Michael Browning, Laura Keys NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that the Board of Aldermen hereby recommends that the Port Authority participate in an industrial revenue bond transaction with the Company to provide 10 years of 80% personal property tax abatement for the Project.

The Chair recognized Ms. Schweitzer for introducing Resolution Number 33 before the committee.

Ms. Schweitzer gave a brief description of Resolution Number 33. She stated that the resolution would recommend that the Port Authority participate in an industrial revenue bond transaction with the company Winland Foods Company to provide 100 years of 80% personal property tax abatement for the expansion project.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer stated that she had an amendment to Resolution Number 33 to put before the committee.

The Chair entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

Mr. Narayan requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that Amendment Number 1 to Resolution Number 33 passed 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. Narayan, Ms. Schweitzer and Chair Cohn.
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.
None

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

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer recognized Zach Wilson, St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC), Paul Weatherford, St. Louis Development Corporation (SLDC), Todd Barron-Winland Foods, and Bob Chapin- Winland Foods to speak further about Resolution Number 33.

Mr. Wilson spoke about how the project was scored.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer recognized Mr. Weatherford of

(SLDC) who gave a PowerPoint presentation about the Winland Food Community Benefits Scorecard and about the eligibility of a 10-year 80% abatement.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer recognized Todd Barron, Representative of Winland Foods, who gave a background of the company on how they were founded and what products they manufactured.

After no further discussion, Ms. Schweitzer recognized Bob Chapin, Lead Operator of Winland Foods, who gave a history of the company and who spoke about the future of the company's expansion and about the hiring of about 25 new employees.

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 motion to pass Resolution Number 33 as amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Narayan moved to pass Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Schweitzer.

Due to Mr. Narayan moving to pass Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation and not to pass Resolution Number 33 as amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation** and also for not allowing the public to speak.

The Chair entertained a motion to withdraw the motion to pass Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Schweitzer moved to withdraw her motion to pass Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Narayan withdrew his second to pass Resolution Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Hearing no questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

In Opposition to Resolution Number 33

1. Gerry Connelly

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

Mr. Narayan asked if Resolution Number 33 could be held in committee for further discussion.

After no further discussion, the Chair held Resolution Number 33 in committee for further discussion.

VI. Committee Discussions

None

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

VIII. Announcements

The Chair announced the following Transportation and Commerce Committee Meeting will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, at 9:00am-via Webinar.

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Mr. Oldenburg and Ms. Cox Antwi for necessary absence.

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. Schweitzer.

Ms. Schweitzer 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. Narayan, Ms. Schweitzer and Chair Cohn.

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.

None

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:36pm.