



Minutes
Legislation & Rules Regular Committee
Tuesday, March 17, 2026
2:00 PM
Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08pm.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Tuesday, February 24, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, committee meeting.

Mr. Cohn moved to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll. The following voted Aye: Mr. Cohn, Ms. Keys, 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

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

Board Bill Number 165

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, President Megan E

Green An Ordinance to standardize the current authority of City Departments pre-paying qualifying expenses from qualifying organizations who are under contract with the City of St. Louis to provide the City of St. Louis a product or service, by requiring that minimum documentation is received and by installing a cap on the pre-payments allowed to be given.

The Chair recognized Mr. Aldridge for introducing Board Bill Number 165 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge introduced Board Bill Number 165 before the committee and stated that he had a committee substitute to Board Bill Number 165 that he wanted to put before the committee.

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 adopt the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 165.

Ms. Sonnier moved to adopt the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 165.

Seconded by Mr. Cohn.

Ms. Velazquez requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll, the Chair stated that the Committee Substitute to Board Bill Number 1654 was adopted.

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

Mr. Aldridge recognized Mr. Matt Heskamp, Legislative Assistant to Alderman Aldridge of the 14th ward, to present a PowerPoint Presentation on Board Bill Number 165 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.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair entertained a motion to adopt Board Bill Number 165 committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Ms. Sonnier moved to adopt Board Bill Number 165 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Keys.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to adopt Board Bill Number 165 Committee Substitute out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

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

V. Resolutions for Review

None

None

VI. Committee Discussions

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

IX. Excused Members

The Chair did not excuse Mr. Narayan for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

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

Ms. Keys moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:41pm.

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