



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

**Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved**

**I. Call to Order**

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

**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.**