



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6:00 PM**

Kennedy Room

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

II. Roll Call

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

Mr. Devoti joined the meeting after it began, bringing the total members present to four.

III. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the minutes from Wednesday, February 25, 2026, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 25, 2026, committee meeting.

Ms. Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 25, 2026, committee meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, February 25, 2026, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll: The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier,

Mr. Browning, and Chair Aldridge. **3 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 3 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

Rams Settlement Interest Monies

The committee will discuss the use of Rams Settlement Funds and interest monies.

The Chair recognized Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery Officer, Mayor's Office.

Mr. Nicks presented a PowerPoint Presentation alongside Jennifer Brinkmann (Recovered Resident Lead), Laura Ginn (SLDC Repaired Property Lead), and Jim Hill (Chief Lost Recovery Officer). Each member presented their portion of the presentation.

After no further discussion, the Chair opened the floor to the committee members 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 opened the floor to members of the public to give public testimony.

Members of the public spoke about how they felt the RAMS Settlement Funds should be spent.

Not Determined/Undecided

1. Jamala Rogers, 13th ward
2. Kasey Fowler-Finn, 6th ward online speaker
3. Angel Flores, 2nd ward
4. Cynthia Jordan, Creve Couer online speaker
5. Gwen Gogshell, 10th ward
6. Melanie Marie, The People Response Action St. Louis
7. Keith Lofton, 14th ward
8. Topher Christopher Sudik
9. Erion Johnson, 10th ward
10. Michael Mclemore, 12th ward

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

Hearing no questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

The Chair announced that the next meeting to discuss the RAMS Settlement Funds would be held at a location within the community that was heavily impacted by the May 16th tornado at the end of April.

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Ms. Velazquez for necessary absence.

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. Browning.

The motion was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.