



Minutes
Health & Human Development Committee
Thursday, June 12, 2025
9:00 AM
Kennedy Room

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll, and the following members answered to their name: Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Boyd. 2 members were present. A quorum was not established.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair stated they would entertain a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, committee meeting.

Alisha Sonnier moved to approve the minutes of the Thursday, May 15, 2025, committee meeting.

Seconded by Tom Oldenburg.

The Chair directed the Associate Clerk to call the roll on the motion to approve the Thursday, May 15, 2025, committee meeting minutes.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Ms. Boyd, Mr. Oldenburg

The following voted No:
None

The Following abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of Aye-3, No-0, and Abstained-0 were cast. The motion passed

IV. Board Bills for Review

V. Resolutions for Review

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussions Item Number 1

Rodeo Tool Ban

The committee will hold a discussion with local advocates from the Christian Animal Rights Association on the issue of a rodeo tool ban in the City of St. Louis on items like electric prods, flank straps, and spurs, etc

The Chair recognized Matthew King from Christian Animal Rights to speak about the Rodeo Tool Ban.

Mr. King delivered a PowerPoint presentation detailing the tools used to enhance bull performance in rodeos. He outlined the various tools and explained their impact on the animals, highlighting that they pose risks not only to the bulls but also to the spectators.

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

The committee asked questions and made suggestions.

The Chair thanked Mr. King for coming and providing information on the Rodeo Tool Ban.

No further discussion on this matter.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

None

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

The Chair excused Ms. Tyus for necessary absence.

X. Adjournment

Having no other business, the Chair adjourned the meeting by voice vote at 9:43 a.m.

Minutes approved: Thursday, July 10, 2025

Minutes prepared by: Associate Clerk Rozlyn Smith