



Minutes
Public Safety Committee Meeting
Board of Aldermen
Thursday, July 10, 2025 - 2:00 PM
Kennedy Room

Alderman Bret Narayan, Chair
Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Vice Chair
Committee Members:
Alderman Thomas Oldenburg
Alderwoman Shameem Clark-Hubbard
Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
Alderwoman Daniela Velazquez

President Megan Green

Order of Business

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:20 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The following members were present: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **6 members were present. A quorum was established.**

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meetings.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meetings committee meeting.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to approve the Thursday, May 29, 2025, committee meeting minutes.

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. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **6 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 6 votes were cast. The motion carried.

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

Board Bill Number 33

Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti

An ordinance, requested by the Sheriff of the City of St. Louis, identifying the powers delegated to the Sheriff while proscribing from the Office those activities not specifically provided to the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, by City of St. Louis ordinance, or as specifically authorized by the Board of Aldermen.

The Chair recognized Mr. Devoti to introduce Board Bill Number 33 before the committee.

Mr. Devoti gave a brief description of Board Bill Number 33 and the purpose of the bill.

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

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimonies.

In Opposition of Board Bill Number 33

1. Brother Todd-El

After no further testimonies from members of the public the Chair turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Aldridge to Chair.

Vice-Chair Aldridge recognized Mr. Devoti to discuss and take up amendments to Board Bill Number 33.

Mr. Devoti put Amendment Number 1 before the committee and gave a brief description of the amendment.

After no further discussion, Vice-Chair Aldridge entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard moved to adopt Amendment Number 1 to Board Bill Number 33 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

Amendment No. 1 To Board Bill No. 33 Amendment sponsored by Alderman Devoti

To amend said Board Bill, Page 2, Line 18, to Page 2, Line 18, as follows:

Beginning on Page 2, Line 18, after the word(s) “conduct searches, investigate crimes, collect,” strike out the following words and figures: “and secure.”

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. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, and Mr. Aldridge, **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 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.

Vice-Chair Aldridge recognized Mr. Devoti to discuss and take up Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended.

Mr. Devoti put Amendment Number 2 before the committee and gave a brief description of the amendment.

After no further discussion, Vice-Chair Aldridge turned the meeting back over to Chair Narayan. Chair Narayan entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

Amendment Number 2 to Board Bill Number 33 Introduced by Alderman Matt Devoti

To amend said Board Bill, Page 2, Line 21, as follows:

Beginning on Page 2, Line 21, strike out the words:

“The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall not enter any contract for the provision of services not specifically given the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, or by City of St. Louis ordinance unless approved by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen following a hearing on the resolution in the Public Safety Committee.”

And insert in lieu thereof, to read in words and figures as follows:

"When submitting requisitions or contracts related to necessary expenses incurred in the conduct of the duties of the Sheriff's Office, the Sheriff's Office shall also provide the Comptroller's Office with a written explanation of how the expense is a necessary expense incurred in the conduct of the duties of the Sheriff's Office. In addition, beginning the month immediately following the effective date of this Ordinance, the Sheriff's Office shall provide by the end of each month to both the Budget and Public Safety Committees of the Board of Aldermen, or their successor committees, a monthly written report detailing the expenses incurred and contracts entered into by the Sheriff's Office."

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. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and Chair Narayan. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Ms. Sonnier and Mr. Aldridge

Two

The following voted Present: Ms. Velazquez

One

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 3 Aye votes, 2 No votes, and 1 Present vote were cast. The motion failed.

Chair Narayan recognized Mr. Aldridge to discuss and take up Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended.

Mr. Aldridge put Amendment Number 3 before the committee and gave a brief description of the amendment.

After no further discussion, Chair Narayan entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Amendment No. 3 To Board Bill No. 33 Amendment Sponsor: Aldridge Jr.

To amend said Board Bill as follows:

Strike out: “, and the transport and protection of detainees in the custody of the Department of Corrections to receive hospital, medical, and psychological treatment. ”

And insert the following words and figures: A period to end the sentence grammatically correct and an “and” to make the list grammatically correct.

To be read as:

SECTION ONE. The Sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall possess and exercise all powers and duties given the Sheriff by the Missouri Constitution, by Missouri statute, and by City of St. Louis ordinance; such powers and duties include protection of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, Circuit and Associate Circuit courts, service of summons and legal process, and issuance of conceal carry permits.

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: Ms. Sonnier, and Mr. Aldridge. **2 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and Mr. Narayan
Three

The following voted Present: Ms. Velazquez
One

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 2 Aye votes, 3 No votes, and 1 Present vote were cast. The motion failed.

Chair Narayan recognized Mr. Aldridge to discuss and take up Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended.

Mr. Aldridge put Amendment Number 3 before the committee and gave a brief description of the amendment.

After no further discussion, Chair Narayan entertained a motion to adopt Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Mr. Aldridge moved to adopt Amendment Number 3 to Board Bill Number 33 as Amended out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Ms. Velazquez.

Amendment No. 4 to Board Bill No. 33 by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

To amend said Board Bill on Page 2, Line 20, as follows:

Beginning on Page 2, Line 20, insert the following sentences at the end of Section Two:

“The sheriff and sworn deputies of the office of sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall not be required to obtain training and licensure by the peace officer standards and training commission under Chapter 590 of the Revised Missouri Statutes. The sheriff and any sworn deputy who is trained and licensed as a peace officer shall not be considered a law enforcement officer for any other purpose outside of Chapter 57, RSMo., or Chapter 84, RSMo.”

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: Ms. Sonnier, and Mr. Aldridge **2 Aye votes were cast**.

The following voted No: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, and Mr. Narayan
Three

The following voted Present: Ms. Velazquez
One

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 2 Aye votes, 3 No votes, and 1 Present vote were cast. The motion failed.

After no further discussion the Chair recognized Mr. Devoti to give his final closing on Board Bill Number 33 as Amended.

Mr. Devoti gave his final closing on Board Bill Number 33 as Amended and held Board Bill Number 33 as Amended in committee.

V. Resolutions for Review

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

Resolution Number 51

Introduced by Alderman Bret Narayan, Rasheen Aldridge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ordinance Number 67794 the Public Safety Committee does hereby approve the recommendations of the Public Safety Committee for the appropriation of unexpended crime prevention program funds from the City of St. Louis' Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 in the amount of 1,974,015.91 as outlined in Exhibit A attached.

Chair Narayan gave a brief description of Resolution Number 51 and stated that he had an Exhibit A to be added to Resolution Number 51.

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

Mr. Aldridge put a verbal Amendment 1 to Resolution Number 51 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge gave a verbal description of Amendment Number to Resolution Number 51.

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 pass Amendment Number 1 to Resolution Number 51 out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

Mr. Aldridge moved to pass Amendment Number 1 to Resolution Number 51 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Sonnier.

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 51 by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

To reallocate twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Eastern Missouri, twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 from Affinia Healthcare, and twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 from MERS Goodwill to disburse twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 to Believe It Youth

Organization, twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 to Marian Middle School, and twenty thousand dollars \$20,000 to Roosevelt Community Council.

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. Oldenburg, Ms. Sonnier, and Mr. Aldridge. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez and Mr. Narayan
Three

The following voted Present:

None

The following Abstained:

None

The following were present but did not vote:

None

A total of 3 Aye votes, 3 No votes were cast. The motion failed.

Hearing no further discussion, the Chair put Amendment Number 2 to Resolution Number 51 before the committee.

The Chair gave a description of Amendment Number 2.

After no further discussion, the Chair asked the members of the committee for questions and comments.

Hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee the Chair entertained a motion to adopt Exhibit A (Office of Violence and Prevention's Recommendations) to Resolution Number 51 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Exhibit A (Office of Violence and Prevention's Recommendations) to Resolution Number 51 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Mr. Oldenburg.

**Resolution Number 51
As Amended in Committee
Exhibit A**

Organization Name	Award Amount
4 Walls and Beyond	\$99,500.00
22 nd Judicial Circuit Court	\$17,405.00
Affinia Healthcare	\$100,000.00
BBBSEMO	\$80,000.00
Better Family Life	\$100,000.00
Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis	\$100,000.00
Children Advocacy Services of Greater STL	\$99,632.00
Diamond Divas	\$100,000.00
Employment Connection	\$100,000.00
Families United	\$100,000.00
Jacob's Ladder Ministries	\$100,000.00
KHAOS, Inc	\$100,000.00
Lift for Life Gym	\$80,000.00
MERS Goodwill	\$99,674.46
Metro Theater Company	\$50,000.00
My 180 Youth	\$99,340.00
Pianos for People	\$50,000.00
Propel Kitchens	\$84,900.00
STL Story Stitchers	\$99,294.45
The Community Wellness Project	\$100,000.00
Thomas Dunn Learning Center	\$39,270.00
Throwing and Growing	\$100,000.00
Youth and Family Center	\$75,000.00
Total	\$1,974,015.91

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. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **6 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 6 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further discussion the Chair entertained a motion to adopt Resolution Number 51 as Amended and pass it out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Mr. Narayan moved to adopt Resolution Number 51 as Amended and pass it out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Ms. Clark-Hubbard.

Mr. Narayan requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll the Chair passed Resolution Number 51 as Amended out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the votes from the previous roll.

The following voted Aye: Mr. Oldenburg, Ms. Clark-Hubbard, Ms. Velazquez, Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Aldridge, and Chair Narayan. **6 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 6 Aye votes were cast. The motion carried.

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Item Number 1

Unexpended Crime Prevention Program Funds

The committee will discuss proposals received from various community organizations and agencies related to funding youth crime prevention programs from unexpended funds from the City's Fiscal Years of 2024 and 2025.

The Public Safety Committee may recess and convene as the Public Safety - Prop S Subcommittee to discuss various proposals and return to the Public Safety Committee meeting to finally adopt Resolution Number 51 listed below.

Chair Narayan opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimonies on Prop S Funds and their organizations as it relates to funding youth crime prevention programs.

Unexpended Crime Prevention Programs Funds

1. Kristin Gumper, Marian Middle School
2. Norah Ryan, Roosevelt Community Council
3. Joyce Smith, Believe It Youth Organization

Hearing no further testimonies from members of the public the Chair opened the discussion to members of the committee for questions and comments.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After hearing no further questions or comments from members of the committee the Chair entertained a motion to approve the Office of Violence and Preventions recommendation for Exhibit A to Resolution Number 51.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

There are 15 written testimonies pertaining to Prop S provided in the Google Drive for review.

VIII. Announcements

None

IX. Excused Members

All members were present.

X. Adjournment

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

Mr. Aldridge moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Narayan.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the previous roll,

The vote was carried by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 4:39 p.m.