



**Minutes
Budget & Public Employees Regular Committee
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
10:00 AM
Kennedy Room**

Minutes are preliminary and may change until finally approved

I. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

II. Roll Call

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

The following members joined the meeting while in progress, making a total of 4 members present: Ms. Sonnier.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from Wednesday, October 29, 2025, committee meeting.

The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, October 29, 2025, committee meeting.

Mr. Devoti moved to approve the minutes of the Wednesday, October 29, 2025, 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 Wednesday, October 29, 2025, committee meeting.

The Associate Clerk called the roll and the following votes were recorded:

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 Ayes votes were cast.**

The following voted Aye:
None

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.

IV. Board Bills for Review

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

Board Bill Number 93

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge, Alisha Sonnier, Shameem ClarkHubbard, President Megan E Green

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating the sum of One Million and 0/100ths (\$1,000,000) Dollars of Rams Settlement Funds for deposit into the Impacted Tenants Fund as authorized by Ordinance 71840 and revised by Ordinance 72002; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Chair Aldridge turned the meeting over to Ms. Sonnier to chair while he introduced Board Bill Number 93 before the committee.

Ms. Sonnier recognized Mr. Aldridge for introducing Board Bill Number 93 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge gave a brief description of Board Bill Number 93.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery and Transformation Officer for the Mayor's Office, along with Adam Pearson, Director of the Department of Human Services, for answering questions from members of 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 En banc Board Number 93.

Ms. Sonnier moved to En banc Board Number 93.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

Chair Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, Chair Aldridge stated that Board Bill Number 93 is En banc.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

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The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony on Board Bill Number 93.

In Support of Board Bill Number 93

1. Dani Kahn, 2nd ward
2. Chris Willcox, 14th ward
3. Ray Mohseir, 9th ward
4. Annie Rice, 4th ward

After no further public testimony, the Chair made a motion to pass Board Bill Number 93 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 93 passes out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Board Bill Number 94

Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier, Shameem Clark-Hubbard, Rasheen Aldridge, President Megan E Green

An ordinance, recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating the sum of Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five and 05/100ths (\$3,365,535.05) of Rams Settlement Funds, for the purpose of supporting winter shelter needs for unhoused residents; authorizing and directing the Director of the Department of Human Services (“DHS”) to execute contracts as may be necessary to expend funds; and containing a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Chair Aldridge recognized Ms. Sonnier for introducing Board Bill Number 94 before the committee.

Ms. Sonnier introduced Board Bill Number 94 and provided an outlined details surrounding the bill.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery and Transformation Officer for the Mayor's Office, along with Adam Pearson, Director of the Department of Human Services, for answering questions from members of 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 En banc Board Bill Number 94.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Chair Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll, Chair Aldridge stated that Board Bill Number 94 is En banc.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 Aye votes were cast. 4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony on Board Bill Numbers 94 and 95.

In Support of Board Bill Numbers 94&95

1. Annie Rice, 4th ward spoke on BB# 94 &95
2. Rachel Hurtado spoke on BB# 94 &95
3. Matt Ingram, 6th ward
4. Lindsey Myers, 13th ward
5. Ray Mohseir, 9th ward
6. Drew Falvey, 9th ward

After no further public testimony, the Chair made a motion to pass Board Bill Number 94 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

Mr. Aldridge requested the previous roll.

Hearing no objection to the request for previous roll the Chair stated that Board Bill Number 94 passed out of committee with a Do Pass Recommendation.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes from the previous roll.

The Associate Clerk recorded the following votes.

The following voted Aye: Ms. Sonnier, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

Board Bill Number 95

Introduced by Alderwoman Shameem Clark Hubbard, President Megan E Green

This Board Bill recommended by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, appropriating the sum of Nine Million Three Hundred Fifty Thousand and 0/100ths (\$9,350,000.00) Dollars of one-time unreserved General Operating Reserve funds for deposit into the Tornado Relief and Recovery Fund, for the purpose of supporting winter-related emergency shelter and additional tornado disaster relief to support housing of residents impacted by the May 16, 2025, tornado. It has a severability clause and an emergency clause.

Chair Aldridge recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard for introducing Board Bill Number 95 before the committee.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard introduced Board Bill Number 95 and provided an

outlined details surrounding Board Bill Number 95.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Julian Nicks, Chief Recovery and Transformation Officer for the Mayor's Office, along with Adam Pearson, Director of the Department of Human Services, for answering questions from members of the committee.

Members of the committee asked questions and made comments.

After no further questions or comments from members of the committee, the Chair recognized guest speaker Ms. Kimberly Holt for public testimony.

Ms. Holt gave detailed testimony outlining issues surrounding processes for receiving assistance since the May tornado that severely damaged the north side and other areas of the city of St. Louis.

Hearing no further testimony, the Chair recognized Ms. Clark-Hubbard for the closing remarks on Board Bill Number 95.

Ms. Clark-Hubbard gave final remarks on Board Bill Number 95.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to En Banc Board Bill Number 95.

Ms. Sonnier moved to En Banc Board Bill Number 95.

Seconded by Mr. Aldridge.

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, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

After no further discussion, the Chair entertained a motion to pass Board Bill Number 95 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Ms. Sonnier moved to pass Board Bill Number 95 out of committee with a **Do Pass Recommendation**.

Seconded by Mr. Devoti.

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, Mr. Browning, Mr. Devoti, and Chair Aldridge. **4 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 4 votes were cast. The motion carried.

V. Resolutions for Review

None

Resolution Number 136

Introduced by Alderman Rasheen Aldridge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis calls on the Board of Trustees of the Employees Retirement System of the City of St. Louis, to ensure that all of the city resources entrusted to their stewardship, including stock holdings, bond investments, and pension funds are not invested in companies that are complicit in perpetuating violence against people within our city or abroad according to the guidelines established by the American Friends Service Committee.

Ms. Sonnier recognized Mr. Aldridge for introducing Resolution Number 136 before committee.

Mr. Aldridge introduced Resolution Number 136 before the committee.

Mr. Aldridge asked the Associate Clerk to read Resolution Number 136 verbatim.

After no further discussion, Ms. Sonnier 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, Ms. Sonnier opened the discussion up to members of the public for public testimony.

In Support of Resolution Number 136

1. Callum Stefanelli, 10th ward
2. Ali Hazemi, 14th ward
3. Michael Berg, 6th ward
4. Gabby Eissner, 2nd ward
5. Alicia Hernandez, 2nd ward
6. Eileen Cheong, 7th ward
7. Kara Bender, 14th ward
8. Jenna McDonald, 5th ward

9. Mafaza Khan, St. Louis County
10. Shelby Mohar, 4th ward
11. Adrian Cosby, 7th ward
12. Greg Zensen, 8th ward
13. Matt Ingram, 6th ward
14. Ayesha Grodil, St. Louis County and City employee
15. Zoe Krause, 7th ward
16. Monica Brown, 3rd ward
17. Dani Kahn, 2nd ward
18. Amna Al-Zahrani
19. Nawal Abuhamdelr, St. Louis County
20. Mariyan Abdelbaset, St. Louis County
21. Leticia Wolker, St. Louis County
22. Faten Tamimi, Ballwin MO
23. Fatima Elkabri, Ballwin MO
24. Rehab Kassen, Ballwin MO
25. Lindsey Myers, St. Louis County
26. Elinor Berkowitz, St. Louis
27. Maxine Gill, 9th ward
28. Alaa Jorani, 4th ward
29. Chris Willcox, 14th ward
30. Emanuel Tarqnu, 2nd ward
31. Ray Mohseir, 9th ward
32. Julia Ho 8th ward
33. James Meinert, 14th ward
34. Hala Abdelaziz, 6th ward
35. Sandra Tamari, online
36. Elizabeth Linhares
37. Christopher Ottolino, 6th ward - online
38. Naveen, St. Louis County
39. Aaron Nieman, 9th ward
40. Annie Rice, 4th ward - online
41. Nidda Ekram
42. Maloree Khan
43. Scott Ross
44. Erica Hallman

After no further testimony from members of the public, Ms. Sonnier made a motion to pass Resolution Number 136 out of committee with **Do Pass Recommendation.**

Seconded by Mr. Browning.

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, Mr. Browning, and Chair Aldridge. **3 Aye votes were cast.**

The following voted No: Mr. Devoti
One

The following voted Present:
None

The following Abstained:
None

The following were present but did not vote:
None

A total of 3 Aye votes were cast and 1 No vote. The motion carried.

VI. Committee Discussions

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

Discussion Item Number 1

Pay Study for City Workers

The committee will discuss with various City Officials a pay study for City workers.

Ms. Sonnier turned the meeting back over to Chair Aldridge to resume chairing the meeting.

Mr. Aldridge recognized Mark Holcombe, Project Manager, Evergreen Solutions, LLC.

Mr. Holcombe gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation outlining the City of St. Louis Compensation and Classification Study and its results.

After no further discussion, the Chair recognized Paul Payne, Budget Director for the City of St. Louis, and John Unnerstall, Director of Personnel, to answer questions.

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 thanked all the guest speakers for attending the meeting.

VII. Acknowledgment of Any Written Testimony

There are 4 written comments on Board Bill Numbers 93, 94, and 95 and 25 written comments on Resolution Number 136 provided in the Google Drive for review.

VIII. Announcements

None

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 2:01pm.