



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, October 8, 2025

12:00 PM

Room 301-B, City Hall

2026 BUDGET HEARINGS

This is also a virtual meeting. Those wishing to view the proceedings are able to do so via the City Channel - Channel 25 on Spectrum Cable - or on the Internet at <http://city.milwaukee.gov/citychannel>

Meeting convened at 12:25 p.m.

Present 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, Moore

Also present:

William Christianson, City Comptroller

Nik Kovac, Budget Director

Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist

Keith Broadnax, LRB Manager

1. [250001](#) Communication from the Mayor relating to the proposed 2026 budget.

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-Milw. Public Library

Appearing:

Nathaniel Haack, Budget Office

Joan Johnson, Library Director

Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Deputy Library Director

Ald. Larresa Taylor, 9th Ald. Dist.

An overview presentation was given on the Library on the following topics:

2026 Budget Summary, Changes from 2025 Budget, Sunday Hour Usage, 2026 Capital Expenses, Service Table, Core Services, Service Delivery Model Org Chart, 2025 Accomplishments, 2026 Major Goals, Department Demographics, Service Uniformity, Environmental Impact

There was discussion on WiFi (usage data, funding, access), other revenue sources, staffing (level, increase in pay, shortage, schedule, service to patrons), AI technologies (innovation, staff training), Sunday hours (usage, staffing, limited service, preservation, ways to increase), maker spaces, social media accounts (monetization, number of followers), alternative and innovative staff scheduling model(central virtual service)

Information requests made were as follows:

More detailed demographic breakdown of both management and non-management staffing levels for all departments. (Ald. Spiker)

Further information on social media accounts. (Ald. Coggs)

Monetizing efforts to generate revenue. (Ald. Coggs)

Breakdown of Library usage from Monday through Saturday system wide (Ald. Taylor)

Ald. Dimitrijevic left the committee at 1:37 p.m.

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

1:30 P.M.

-Health Dept.

Appearing:

Sarah Osborn, Budget Office

Mike Totoraitis, Health Dept. Commissioner

Aaron Szopinski, Health Dept. Budget & Administration Manager

Jefflyn Brown, Health Dept. Deputy Commissioner

Pres. Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.

Lindsay O'Connor, Health Dept.

An overview presentation on the Health Dept. was given on the following topics:

2026 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating and Equipment, Special Funds, Capital, Revenues, Org Chart, 2026 Significant Changes, Cost Recovery 2024, 2025 Successes & Challenges, 2026 Priorities & Goals, 2025-2026 Climate Initiatives, 2025 Amendment Updates, 2026 Non-Levy Budget, 2026 Unified Budget, Policy Innovation & Equity, Family and Community Health, Clinical Services, MHD Laboratory, Emergency Preparedness, Consumer Environmental Health, Lead Case Management, Lead Hazard Reduction, Department Demographics

There was discussion on a toothpaste weight assessment case; lead hazard surveillance, testing, abatement (schools, homes, lead registry, lead disclosure, rental properties), immunizations, contaminated homes from recent flood, opioid settlement funds (amount, usage, neighborhood nursing staff, campaigns, 5-year plan), lead hazard reduction (LIRA reports completed), Doulas (staffing, contracting out, partnering with the County)

Information requests made were as follows:

Data on lead abatement on rental properties (Pres. Perez)

Information on conversations with the County and plan to expand Medicare relating to

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

A motion was made by ALD. MOORE that this Communication be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 4 - Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Excused 1 - Dimitrijevic

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

**Chris Lee, Staff Assistant
Council Records Section
City Clerk's Office**

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