



# City of Milwaukee

City Hall  
200 East Wells Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

## Meeting Minutes

### JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

**ALD. DIANDRE JACKSON, CHAIR**  
*Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, Vice-Chair*  
*Ald. Robert J. Bauman, Ald. Andrea M. Pratt, and*  
*Ald. Jose G. Perez*

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Tuesday, May 26, 2026

9:00 AM

Room 301-B, City Hall

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#### Meeting Convened at 9:11 AM

**Present** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, Perez

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

1. [260006](#) Substitute resolution relating to the arrest and detention of Elvira Benitez.

*Appearing:*  
*Sponsor Ald. Brower*

*Public testimony*  
*Christine Neumann - Ortiz, as translator for Mr. Basurto and also in support of this resolution.*  
*Julio Basurto - part of a Small Business in pro of ICE OUT legislation; also, Store owner, in support of this resolution. Urging our community protect our residents.*  
*Laiza Ibarra - DACA recipient, in support of the resolution*  
*Ricardo Chavez spouse of Mrs. Benitez*  
*Ald. Zamarripa in support*

*President Perez asked to be added as co-sponsor.*

**A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

2. [252162](#) Appointment of Madeline Miranda-Navarro to the Equal Rights Commission by the Mayor. (5th Aldermanic District)

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

3. [251956](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Julius Adway.

*Appearing:*

*Mr. Julius Adway - Claimant*

*Forestry Rep - Frank Seilheimer*

*ACA - Kevin Todt*

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

4. [251514](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Barbara Robinson.

*Appearing:*

*Ms. Robinson claimant*

*Forestry Jeff Kluslow*

*ACA Kevin Todt*

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

5. [251621](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Mary Johnson.

*Appearing:*

*Ms. Johnson*

*Forestry - Frank Seilheimer*

*ACA Kevin Todt*

**A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 3 - Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

**Abstain** 1 - Jackson

6. [260072](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Jackie Williams for property damage.

*Appearing:*  
*Ms. Williams*  
*Forestry Frank Seilheimer*  
*ACA Kevin Todt*

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

7. [251631](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Julian Woodruff.

*no show*

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

8. [251627](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Steven Brandenburg.

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

9. [251516](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Unique Long.

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR DISALLOWANCE & INDEF. POSTPONEMENT. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

10. [251734](#) Communication from the Election Commission relating to its plans for using operating funds made available by the cancellation of the February 2026 primary election.

*Appearing:*  
*Paulina Gutierrez - Election Commission*

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

11. [260099](#) Resolution relating to locations for in-person absentee voting in the City of Milwaukee for the 2026 August partisan primary and November general election.

*Ald. Pratt moved to add the Villard Square Library, 5190 N 35th Street, to the list of in-person absentee voting. There were no objections.*

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Resolution be AMENDED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

- [260099](#) Substitute resolution relating to locations for in-person absentee voting in the City of Milwaukee for the 2026 August partisan primary and November general election.

**A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

12. [241692](#) Communication from the Intergovernmental Relations Division and Legislative Affairs Division relating to Legislative updates.

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

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

13. [260131](#) Resolution amending the City of Milwaukee's State Legislative Package to express support for legislation relating to homeowners associations.
- A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Westmoreland
14. [260088](#) Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled Niki Robinson, et al. v. City of Milwaukee, et al.
- A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Bauman
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Westmoreland
- Abstain** 1 - Perez
15. [260090](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of John Ambeau, Jr.,
- A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Westmoreland
16. [260091](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of the Estate of Hayley Linville.
- A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 3 - Jackson, Pratt, and Bauman
- No** 0
- Excused** 1 - Westmoreland
- Abstain** 1 - Perez
17. [260105](#) Resolution approving the settlement of the complaint entitled Tiffany Lewis v. City of Milwaukee.
- A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

18. [260122](#) Resolution authorizing the City Attorney to hire outside counsel for election-related needs.

**A motion was made by ALD. PEREZ that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

--- Following Items May be placed on file as no longer necessary.

19. [150400](#) An ordinance relating to the acquisition of certain properties in tax foreclosure.

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

20. [151477](#) A resolution relating to the tax foreclosure acquisition and disposition of certain properties.

**A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**

**Aye** 4 - Jackson, Pratt, Bauman, and Perez

**No** 0

**Excused** 1 - Westmoreland

**The Judiciary and Legislation Committee may convene into closed session on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, in Room 301-B, City Hall, 200 E. Wells St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of conferring with the City Attorney who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the city is or is likely to become involved, and then may go into open session for the regular agenda.**

**This meeting will be webcast live at [www.milwaukee.gov/channel25](http://www.milwaukee.gov/channel25).**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Joanna Urtiz  
Staff Assistant

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