



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

ALD. MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC, CHAIR

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Ald. Scott P. Spiker, Ald. Milele A. Coggs, and Ald. Sharlen P. Moore

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Tuesday, October 7, 2025

1:00 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 1:11 p.m.

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

Also present:

*William Christianson, City Comptroller
Nik Kovac, Budget Director
Keith Broadnax, LRB Manager
Kathy Brengosz, LRB Fiscal Planning Specialist*

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

Sponsors: THE CHAIR

-Mayor's Office

*Appearing:
Bryan Rynders, Budget Operations Manager
Nicholas Desiato, Chief of Staff
Preston Cole, DOA Director
Pres. Ald. Jose Perez, 12th Ald. Dist.
Ald. Lamont Westmoreland, 5th Ald. Dist.*

*An overview presentation was given on the Mayor's Office on the following topics:
2026 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, 2026 Budget by Service, Org Chart
(Service Delivery Model), Key Performance Indicators, Mayor's Priorities,
Environmental Impact, Challenges2025 Amendment Update, Department
Demographics*

There was discussion on wage increase (within the Mayor's Office and general city), alternative work arrangement, handling of complaints, org chart and staffing, recruitment and retention, AI solutions and innovation, reclassifications, use of generative AI tools

Information requests made were as follows:

Updated org chart listing names, description, demographics (Ald. Moore)

Camp Rise breakdown of data (Ald. Moore)

Policy and strategy on use of generative AI (Ald. Spiker)

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

2:00 P.M.

-Dept. of Administration

Appearing:

Preston Cole, DOA Director

Steven Mahan, DOA Deputy Director

Sarah Osborn, Budget Office

Mary Reed, OEI

Jessica Wineberg, Vision Zero Police Director

James Bohl, Innovation Director

David Henke, Chief Information Officer

Dea Wright, Early Childhood Initiative Director

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

2026 Budget Summary, Salaries and Positions, Operating & Equipment Expenses, Special Funds, Special Purpose Accounts, Revenues, Capital Expenses, Budget by Service, Org Chart, Core Services, Vision Zero, Innovation, Office of Early Childhood Initiatives, Office of African American Affairs, Office of Equity and Inclusion, Budget & Management, Environmental Collaboration Office, Community Development Grant Administration, Purchasing, Intergovernmental Relations, IT Management, Community Wellness and Safety, Department Demographics

There was discussion on revenues, new positions created in DOA, moving of an Epidemiologist position into the Office of Community Wellness and Safety, increase in positions and expenses, org chart, cost benefit of DOA administration overseeing its divisions, centralization of shared services, cabinet level positions and reporting, staffing and FTE levels, ARPA funded positions, Office of Equity and Inclusion (workforce outreach and funding source), internships, Vision Zero (suppression, police cooperation, traffic deaths, support to victims and families, reduction in fatalities, outreach efforts, strategies, community engagement and involvement, driver's and transportation education, data collection), Innovation Office (use of Auxiliary Resource Program to add staff to the Innovation Office, initiatives, Innovation Director salary and employment history, vehicle registration fee increase), ITMD (new technologies and innovation, consolidation of IT, use of AI technologies, revising/updating of IT policies, GovAI selection, Workday implementation, computer upgrades), Early Childhood Initiative (MPS IEPs, literacy development initiatives, relocation to YWCA, Southgate Playfield Story Path, transition from the Mayor's Office to DOA, communication with Zilber and Bridge Group

Information requests made were as follows:

Further breakdown of information regarding revenues (Ald. Coggs)

Cost benefit analysis of consolidation of divisions under DOA (Pres. Perez)

Detailed information on cabinet positions and reporting structure under DOA (Ald.

Burgelis)

Analysis of use of ARP for staffing the Innovation Office (Ald. Dimitrijevic)

The remainder of the budget hearing for DOA may be added to the Finance and Personnel Committee 2026 budget hearing meeting on Friday, October 10, 2025 and scheduled for 1 p.m.

This Communication was NOT ACTED ON

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

Aye 5 - Dimitrijevic, Burgelis, Spiker, Coggs, and Moore

No 0

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

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

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