



City of Milwaukee

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Meeting Minutes

JUDICIARY & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

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Monday, April 14, 2025

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

Meeting convened at 9:13 AM

Present 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, Westmoreland

1. [241902](#) Appointment of Rafael Garcia to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (15th Aldermanic District)
A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:
Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
No 0
2. [241905](#) Appointment of Martin Matson to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (10th Aldermanic District)
A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:
Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
No 0
3. [241913](#) Appointment of Ken Little to the Board of Review by the Mayor. (2nd Aldermanic District)
A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Appointment be RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:
Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
No 0
4. [240295](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Quinton Peterson.

Appearing

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

5. [241886](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Frank Pero for property damage.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

6. [241718](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Abdisalam Osman for property damage.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

7. [241538](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Jose Garcia.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

8. [241788](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Travelers Personal Insurance Company on behalf of Meakalotta Edwards.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

9. [241829](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Eric LaRue for property damage.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

10. [241102](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of Brenda Bell-White for property damage.
- A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Resolution be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
11. [240735](#) Resolution relating to the appeal of G'Juan Korth for property damage.
- 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** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
12. [241947](#) Communication from the Office of the City Attorney relating to changes in the process for the sale of properties taken in tax foreclosure.
- Appearing:*
City Attorney Evan Goyke
DNS Tanz Rome
DCD David Misky
Treasurer's Office Margarita Gutierrez and LaQuisha Schroeder
- A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Communication be HELD TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
- 4 [240295](#) Resolution relating to the claim of Quinton Peterson.
- Appearing:*
ACA Muche
Fleet Services - Anthony Gayfield and Everett
- City Attorney recommends this claim be paid in the amount of \$6,214.88, based on department's testimony assuming liability on damage done on the rear quarter panel.*
- Ald. Bauman moved denial, based on testimony, Mr. Peterson did not have vehicle insurance.*
Further, Ald. Bauman rescinded his motion to grant this claim in the amount suggested, \$6,214.88
- A motion was made by ALD. CHAMBERS JR. that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
- 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 Westmoreland

No 1 - Chambers Jr.

A motion was made by ALD. BAUMAN that this Resolution be RECONSIDERED. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

After much further discussion, Ald. Bauman moved to amend the amount of granting this claim \$7,882.42

There were no objections.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

13. [241813](#)

Resolution amending the City of Milwaukee's State Legislative Package to express support for passage of 2025 AB125/SB135, legislation creating a State holiday in honor of Vel R. Phillips.

Appearing:

Ald. Coggs

Representative Supreme Moore Omokunde

IRD Jordan Primakow

LAD Justin Moralez

LAD Calvin Lee

Ald. Chambers asked to be added to as co-sponsor.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

14. [241847](#)

Resolution amending the City of Milwaukee's legislative package to seek introduction and passage of state legislation to make Wisconsin a "hands-free cell phone state."

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

15. [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 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

16. [241952](#) Resolution relating to legislative bills.

LRB-0951 Exempting tobacco bars from the public smoking ban.
NO POSITION

AB-143/SB-141 Allowing an unlicensed person to use a motor vehicle and providing a penalty.
WATCH AND REPORT

LRB-0060 The rights of sexual assault crime victims.
SUPPORT

LRB-2448 Prohibiting hedge funds from acquiring single-family homes in this state.
SUPPORT

LRB-1435 Requiring periodic inspections of parking structures.
SUPPORT

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

[241952](#) Substitute resolution relative to legislative bills.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

17. [241642](#) Resolution approving the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Matthew Drought v. City of Milwaukee et al., EDW Case No. 23-CV-1738.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

18. [241822](#) Resolution authorizing payment of the claim of Jeffrey Smith, in the amount of \$15,000.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

19. [241908](#) Resolution approving the settlement of the lawsuit entitled Torrey D. Hardy v. Alondra Santiago, Oscar Espita, Nicholas Romeo, Jordan Bryant, City of Milwaukee, et al., EDW Case No. 24-CV-1107
- A motion was made by ALD. WESTMORELAND that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0

Following Files are Being Place on file as they are no longer needed:

20. [141801](#) Communication from the Equal Rights Commission relating to its 2014 activities and priorities.
- A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
21. [151354](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.
- 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** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
22. [160231](#) Communication relating to the processing of manufacturing appeals and the payments of refunds by the City.
- A motion was made by ALD. A. PRATT that this Communication be RECOMMENDED FOR PLACING ON FILE. This motion PREVAILED by the following vote:**
- Aye** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland
- No** 0
23. [161539](#) Resolution relative to legislative bills.
- 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** 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

24. [170937](#)

Communication from the Fire and Police Commission relating to updates and current activities.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

25. [181597](#)

Communication from the Department of Public Works relating to snow removal at city owned properties, crosswalks, and bus stops.

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

Aye 5 - Jackson, Pratt, Chambers Jr., Bauman, and Westmoreland

No 0

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This meeting will be webcast live at www.milwaukee.gov/channel25.

Meeting adjourned at 12:29

Joanna Urtiz

Staff Assistant

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