



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services

Chairperson: Supervisor Ryan Clancy
Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Deanna Alexander
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Supervisor Patti Logsdon
Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

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Friday, July 15, 2022

9:30 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:33 a.m.

Present 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually at today's meeting.

RESOLUTIONS - 5

- 1 [22-752](#) A resolution authorizing and directing the Office of Government Affairs to request an opinion from the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the Wisconsin Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to determine if the Wisconsin state shared revenue and 2013 Wisconsin Act 14 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Sponsors: Zerpa, Martin, Vincent, Johnson, Jr., Burgelis, Martinez and Clancy

Attachments: [22-752 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-752 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-752 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-752 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Dyango Zerpa, District 14
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Supervisors Johnson, Jr., Burgelis, Martinez, and Clancy requested unanimous consent to be added as cosponsors of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

2 [22-884](#)

A resolution in support of access to abortion care and providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot to measure public opinion on whether Wis. Stat. § 940.04, which bans abortion at any stage of pregnancy without exception for rape, incest, or health of the patient, should be repealed to allow legal access to abortion care **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Finance)**

Sponsors: Clancy, Taylor (5), Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Burgelis, Martin, Johnson and Jr.

Attachments: [22-884 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-884 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-884 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Felesia A. Martin, District 7 (virtually)
Supervisor Sequanna Taylor, District 5 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this item:

Michael Lawson
Daniel Gray
Phillip Rocco
Jordan Blanco (virtually)
Christine Sinicki (virtually)
Lauren Forbush, Reproductive Justice Action Milwaukee (virtually)
Arthur Edmond (virtually)
Emma Roller (virtually)

Supervisor Johnson, Jr., requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Johnson Jr., Martinez and Clancy

No: 2 - Alexander and Logsdon

- 3 [22-776](#) A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022 election ballot to measure public opinion on whether the Wisconsin Legislature should prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer, or possession of semi-automatic “military-style” firearms, whose prohibition is allowable under the Wisconsin and United States Constitutions
(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and Finance)

Sponsors: Zerpa, Clancy, Martinez, Johnson, Jr. and Burgelis

Attachments: [22-776 RESOLUTION](#)
[22-776 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[22-776 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
[22-776 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Dyango Zerpa, District 14
Supervisor Felesia A. Martin, District 7 (virtually)
Supervisor Kathleen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this item:

Michael Lawson
Sylvia Ortiz-Velez (virtually)
Lauren Forbush
Daniel Gray
Arthur Edmond (virtually)

Supervisors Johnson, Jr., and Burgelis requested unanimous consent to be added as cosponsors of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Johnson Jr., Martinez and Clancy

No: 2 - Alexander and Logsdon

The Committee recessed from 11:46 a.m. to 12:04 p.m. Upon reconvening at 12:04 p.m., a roll call was taken and there were 5 members present.

Roll Call at 12:04 p.m.

Present 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually.

- 4 [22-800](#) A resolution providing for an advisory referendum on the November 8, 2022, election ballot to measure public opinion on allowing adults 21 years of age and older to engage in the personal use of marijuana, while also regulating commercial marijuana-related activities, and imposing a tax on the sale of marijuana **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and Finance)**

Sponsors: Clancy, Zerpa, Martinez, Coggs-Jones, Burgelis, Taylor (5), Johnson and Jr.

Attachments: [22-800 RESOLUTION](#)
[22-800 FISCAL NOTE](#)
[22-800 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(JLEGS\)](#)
[22-800 FINANCE AMENDMENT I \(Adopted; Vote 7-0\)](#)
[22-800 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(FINANCE\)](#)
[22-800 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCE:
Supervisor Felesia A. Martin, District 7 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this item:
Michael Lawson
Jordan Blanco (virtually)
Mersadie Jo Murray, Wisconsin Justice Initiative Action (virtually)
Arthur Edmund (virtually)

Supervisor Johnson, Jr., requested unanimous consent to be added as a cosponsor of this Resolution. There being no objections by Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Resolution be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Johnson Jr., Martinez and Clancy

No: 2 - Alexander and Logsdon

- 5 [22-868](#) A resolution in support of democracy and nonpartisan election administration

Sponsors: Martin, Johnson, Jr., Clancy, Shea and Burgelis

Attachments: [22-868 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-868 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-868 JLEGS AMENDMENT I \(Adopted: 5-0\)](#)
 [22-868 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:
Supervisor Felesia A. Martin, District 7 (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this item:
Michael Lawson
Jordan Blanco (virtually)

Supervisor Martin introduced Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services (JLEGS) Amendment I, which is attached to this file.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Resolution be AMENDED with JLEGS Amendment I. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION AS AMENDED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

No: 1 - Alexander

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - 1

- 6 [22-777](#) From the Office of the County Executive, providing an informational report on the current COVID-19 mitigation procedures, and the actions Milwaukee County is continuing to take to ensure it keeps its workforce and the people they serve safe. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services; and Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-777 REPORT](#)
 [22-777 POWERPOINT \(07/13/22\)](#)
 [22-777 REVISED POWERPOINT \(07/15/22\)](#)

APPEARANCE:
Peter LaBonte, Program Manager, Department of Human Resources, and Coordinator, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Mitigation Workgroup

Mr. LaBonte provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "22-777 REVISED POWERPOINT (7/15/22)."

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS - 1

- 7 [22-869](#) From the Register of Deeds, Office of the Register of Deeds providing an informational report regarding the 2022 Free Birth Certificate Program. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-869 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:
Israel Ramon, Milwaukee County Register of Deeds, Office of the Register of Deeds (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION - 1

- 8 [22-24](#) From the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), providing an informational report regarding the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), and updates on confirmed employee and resident cases at HOC. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-24 SEPTEMBER REPORT \(received 09/06/22\)](#)

[22-24 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:

David Rugaber, Assistant Superintendent, House of Correction

The June 2022 Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - 1

- 9 [22-861](#) Informational report regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-861 REPORT](#)
[22-861 REVISED REPORT \(received 07/12/22\)](#)
[22-861 POWERPOINT](#)
[22-861 REVISED POWERPOINT \(received 07/12/22\)](#)
[22-861 AUDIO EDITED VERSION \(07/15/22\)](#)
[22-861 AUDIO UNEDITED VERSION \(07/15/22\)](#)
[22-861 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Denita Ball, Chief Deputy, Office of the Sheriff (virtually)
Pat Caravetta, Public Safety Administrator, Office of the Sheriff (virtually)
Amelia Berendt, Legislative Assistant, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors (virtually)
Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Michael Lawson
Jordan Blanco (virtually)
Robert Thibault, Board Member, Prison Action Milwaukee
Kandis Voelske, Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee and Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing
Ben Turk (virtually)
Ron Jansen (virtually)
Arthur Edmund (virtually)
Sam Tess (virtually)
Emily Anne Munoz (virtually)

Supervisor Clancy provided an audio clip to Committee members, which is attached to this file as "22-861 Audio Edited Version (07/15/22)."

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Informational Report be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The Committee then recessed, and took up this item again after the break.

The Committee recessed from 2:32 p.m. to 3:17 p.m. Upon reconvening at 3:17 p.m., a roll call was taken and three committee members were present.

Roll Call at 3:17 p.m.

Present 3 - Johnson Jr., Martinez and Clancy

Excused 2 - Alexander and Logsdon

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually.

Supervisors Alexander and Logsdon were not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared shortly thereafter.

[22-861](#)

Informational report regarding the Roles and Responsibilities of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments:

[22-861 REPORT](#)

[22-861 REVISED REPORT \(received 07/12/22\)](#)

[22-861 POWERPOINT](#)

[22-861 REVISED POWERPOINT \(received 07/12/22\)](#)

[22-861 AUDIO EDITED VERSION \(07/15/22\)](#)

[22-861 AUDIO UNEDITED VERSION \(07/15/22\)](#)

[22-861 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander to CALL FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION regarding this Informational Report. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Alexander, Johnson Jr. and Logsdon

No: 2 - Martinez and Clancy

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Informational Report be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Absent: 1 - Alexander

CORPORATION COUNSEL - 5

CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 10 THROUGH 14)

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, opined virtually that it was appropriate to discuss Item 11 in Closed Session.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez to ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to Item 11. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

10 [22-789](#)

Request to Authorize Litigation Against Certain Manufacturers of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances ("PFAS") Discovered at Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport ("MKE") (Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and Finance)

Attachments: [22-789 REPORT](#)
 [22-789 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-789 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-789 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-789 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCE:
David Farwell, Assistant Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Item 10.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

- 11 [22-815](#) Request to Approve Settlement of Litigation Lloyd Johnson v. Milwaukee County, et al, Case No. 18-CV-1322 (Milwaukee County Circuit Court)

Attachments: [22-815 REPORT](#)
 [22-815 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-815 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-815 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-815 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

Item 11 was discussed in both open and closed sessions.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

The Committee was in Closed Session from 5:10 p.m. to 5:28 p.m.

The Committee Reconvened in Open Session at 5:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Supervisor Martinez to RECONVENE in Open Session. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Upon reconvening at 5:28 p.m., a roll call was taken and 5 members were present.

Roll Call at 5:28 p.m.

Present 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually.

- 12 [22-820](#) Request to Approve Settlement of Litigation *Walker, et al., v. Milwaukee County and the Employees' Retirement System of the County of Milwaukee through its Pension Board*, Case No. 15-CV-6288 (Milwaukee County Circuit Court)

Attachments: [22-820 REPORT](#)
 [22-820 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-820 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-820 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-820 SIGNATURE PAGE](#)

APPEARANCE:
Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Item 12.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Alexander, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Clancy

Items 13 and 14 were considered together.

- 13 [22-19](#) From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding the status of pending litigation. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-19 OCTOBER REPORT \(received 09/30/22\)](#)
 [22-19 DECEMBER REPORT \(received 11/07/22\)](#)
 [22-19 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:
Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel (virtually)

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Items 13 and 14.

Items 13 and 14 were considered together.

The July 2022 Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 13 and 14 were **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 14 [22-20](#) From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding claim and litigation settlement payments. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [22-20 OCTOBER REPORT \(received 09/30/22\)](#)
 [22-20 DECEMBER REPORT \(received 11/07/22\)](#)
 [22-20 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:

Karen Tidwall, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
(virtually)

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Items 13 and 14.

Items 13 and 14 were considered together.

The July 2022 Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 13 and 14 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS -1

- 15 [22-18](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC). **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 22-18 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [22-18 email \(07/15/22\)](#)

There were no appearances for this item.

Due to e-Comment technological difficulties, one email was submitted to Vice-Chairwoman Alexander, with the request that it be attached to this Reference File.

The aforementioned email is attached to the file as "22-18 email (07/15/22)."

The July 15, 2022, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:33 a.m. to 5:33 p.m.

Adjourned,

**Allyson R. Smith
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and
General Services**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and
General Services is Friday, September 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
Friday, August 12, 2022, by 5:00 p.m., for the September meeting cycle.