



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services

Chairperson: Supervisor Justin Bielinski
Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Sky Z. Capriolo
Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Supervisor Patti Logsdon
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Tuesday, June 17, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and 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 9:03 a.m.

Present 5 - Capriolo, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Bielinski

Supervisors Sky Z. Capriolo and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.

Items 1 and 2 were considered together.

**AUDIT SERVICES DIVISION
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER - 1**

CLOSED SESSION: ITEM 1

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.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Item 1.

1 [25-407](#)

From the Director of Audits, submitting the final report from Creative Corrections, LLC, regarding the Sheriff's implementation of corrective action plans from the external audit/evaluation of the Milwaukee County Jail. **(Considered by the Committees on Audit; and Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-407 REPORT](#)
 [25-407 CORRECTIONAL MANAGEMENT REVIEW](#)

APPEARANCES:

Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Dr. Denita Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff, Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff)

Joshua Briggs, Jail Commander, Sheriff

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk

Supervisor Anne O'Connor, District 1 (virtually)

Telia Evans, Captain, Sheriff, appeared but did not speak regarding the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2.

The following people appeared and spoke for information only regarding the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2:

Stephen Spaulding, Managing Director, Creative Corrections, LLC (virtually)
James Stein, Deputy Advocacy Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Kerrie Hirtie, Mother of Cilivea Thyron
Dr. Emily Sterk, Research and Advocacy Associate, Milwaukee Turners, Inc.
Stephanie Sims
Paul Sims
Robert Thibalt, Vice-President, Prison Action Milwaukee
Felicia Jackson, Health Administrator, Wellpath
Sarah McKnight, Mental Health Director, Wellpath (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2:

C. Ray
Andre Williams

The following people appeared and spoke against the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2:

Ronald "Ron" Jansen
Kisha Robinson, Black Leaders Organizing for Communities
State Representative Ryan Clancy, District 19, Wisconsin State Assembly (virtually)
Sangita Nayak, Educator (virtually)

The following people registered to speak against the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2, but did not appear before the Committee:

Sidra Haynes
Maddie Wright

Items 1 and 2 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Item 1.

The Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - 1

- 2 [25-362](#) From the Office of the Sheriff, Director Jail Operations, an informational report Creative Corrections Corrective Action Plan. **(Considered by the Committees on Audit; and Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-362 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Jennifer Folliard, Director of Audits, Audit Services Division, Office of the Comptroller
Dr. Denita Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff, Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff)
Joshua Briggs, Jail Commander, Sheriff
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Supervisor Anne O'Connor, District 1 (virtually)

Telia Evans, Captain, Sheriff, appeared but did not speak regarding the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2.

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Stephanie Sims
Paul Sims
Robert Thibalt, Vice-President, Prison Action Milwaukee
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Sarah McKnight, Mental Health Director, Wellpath (virtually)

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2:

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The following people registered to speak against the Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2, but did not appear before the Committee:

Sidra Haynes
Maddie Wright

Items 1 and 2 were considered together.

The Informational Reports associated with Items 1 and 2 were DISCUSSED
WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee recessed from 11:52 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. Upon reconvening at 11:59 a.m., the roll was taken and all Committee members were present.

Roll Call at 11:59 a.m.

Present 5 - Capriolo, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Bielinski

Supervisors Sky Z. Capriolo and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.

RESOLUTION - 1

- 3 [25-427](#) A resolution requesting the development of a comprehensive policy framework for facial recognition technology that does not suppress First Amendment related activities, violate privacy, or otherwise adversely impact individuals' civil rights and liberties

Sponsors: Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor, Shea, Eckblad and Gómez-Tom

Attachments: [25-427 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-427 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-427 ACLU WRITTEN TESTIMONY \(06/17/25\)](#)
 [25-427 ACLU CIVIL RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS \(06/17/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Denita Ball, Milwaukee County Sheriff, Office of the Sheriff (Sheriff)
Brian Barkow, Chief Deputy, Sheriff

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

Ronald "Ron" Jansen
Emilio De Torre, Executive Director, Milwaukee Turners, Inc.
Heba Muhammad
Amanda Merkwae, Advocacy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin

Ms. Merkwae distributed documents to Committee members, which are attached to this file as: "25-427 ACLU WRITTEN TESTIMONY (06/17/25)," and "25-427 ACLU CIVIL RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS (06/17/25)."

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

Aye: 5 - Capriolo, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Bielinski

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 3

- 4 [25-267](#) **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 19:** From the Office of Corporation Counsel providing an informational report in response to the 2024 Adopted Budget Amendment 19 concerning Citizen Review Boards (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**) (County Board 04/24/25 Meeting: Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services [JLEGS]) (06/17/25 JLEGS: Laid Over to the Call of the Chairperson)

Attachments: [25-267 ADVISORY LEGAL OPINION](#)
 [25-267 EXHIBIT 1 - LA CROSSE COUNTY CRB](#)
 [25-267 EXHIBIT 2 - LETTER](#)
 [25-267 EXHIBIT 3 - LEGAL OPINION \(FILE NO. 18-242\)](#)
 [25-267 EXHIBIT 4 - JACQUES CORRESPONDENCE](#)
 [25-267 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

There were no appearances for Item 4.

Olivia McClain registered to speak for information only regarding this Informational Report, but did not appear before the Committee.

A motion was made by Supervisor Johnson, Jr., that this Informational Report be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Capriolo, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martinez and Bielinski

Items 5 and 6 were considered together.

CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS 5 AND 6

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The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 5 and 6.

- 5 [25-29](#)
- From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding the status of pending litigation.
(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-29 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/21/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Melinda Lawrence, Interim Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 5 and 6 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 5 and 6.

The June Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 5 and 6 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 6 [25-30](#)
- From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding claim and litigation settlement payments.
(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-30 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/21/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Melinda Lawrence, Interim Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 5 and 6 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 5 and 6.

The June Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 5 and 6 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 7 [25-28](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 25-28 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [25-28 eComments \(06/17/25\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 7.

The June 17, 2025, record of eComments is attached to this file as "25-28 eComments (06/17/25)."

The June 17, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 12:48 p.m.

Adjourned,

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

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services is Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before WEDNESDAY, June 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the July meeting cycle.