

Milwaukee County

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County Courthouse

901 N. 9th Street, Rm. 201

Milwaukee, WI 53233



Journal of Proceedings - Draft

Monday, October 27, 2025

6:00 PM

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Mitchell Park Domes

524 S. Layton Blvd.

Milwaukee, WI 53204

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

1st, Anne O'Connor - 2nd, Willie Johnson, Jr.

3rd, Sheldon A. Wasserman - 4th, Jack Eckblad

5th, Sequanna Taylor - 6th, Shawn Rolland

7th, Felesia A. Martin - 8th, Steven Shea

9th, Patti Logsdon - 10th, Marcelia Nicholson

11th, Kathleen Vincent - 12th, Juan Miguel Martinez

13th, Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones - 14th, Caroline Gómez-Tom

15th, Sky Z. Capriolo - 16th, Justin Bielinski

17th, Steve F. Taylor - 18th, Deanna Alexander

County Clerk George L. Christenson

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL at 6:14 p.m.

Present 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairwoman Marcelia Nicholson provided Opening Remarks.

County Clerk George L. Christenson provided instructions for in-person and virtual participation for the Public Hearing on the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND AMENDMENTS BY THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE-BUDGET

1 [25-668](#) From the County Executive, providing the 2026 Recommended budget.

Attachments: [25-668 2026 Recommended Operating Budget](#)
 [25-668 2026 Recommended Capital Budget](#)
 [25-668 2026 Recommended Budget Line Item Detail Report](#)
 [25-668 2026 Recommended Budget Position Supplemental Report](#)
 [25-668 2026 Recommended Budget Overview \(received 10/08/25\)](#)
 [25-668 2026 BUDGET UPDATE MEMO \(received 10/21/25\)](#)
 [25-668 BLUE PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS \(10/27/25\)](#)
 [25-668 WRITTEN TESTIMONY \(10/27/25\)](#)

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The following people appeared and spoke regarding the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET:

Kennedy Slaasted, District 4, Milwaukee County Youth Commission (Youth Commission)

Emilio Ramirez, District 14, Youth Commission

David Gerard Buck, Chairman, Transit Plus Advisory Council

Sharaka Barry, Milwaukee Heart Health Learning Collaborative

Jennifer Wenzel, Beyond Vision
Rebecca Folkman, Service Coordinator, Penfield Children's Center (PCC)
Candace Hennessey, Chief Executive Officer, Curative Care Network
Laura Felix, Chief Executive Officer, St. Francis Children's Center (SFCC)
Polina Makievsky, President and Chief Executive Officer, PCC
Cheryl Orgas, Executive Director, Audio and Braille Literacy Enhancement
Jill Voras, Director of Programs, SFCC
Stephanie Millard, Program Manager, Birth-to-Three Program, SFCC
Crocker Stephenson, Member, Milwaukee County Commission on Aging (COA)
Matt Wuest, Past President, Board of Directors, SFCC
Jill Van Calster, President and Chief Executive Officer, HEAR Wisconsin, Inc.
(HEAR Wisconsin)
Amy Lalios, Director, Child and Family Program, HEAR Wisconsin
Matt Stienstra, Director of Advocacy and Community Engagement, Feeding
America - Eastern Wisconsin
Yvonne Thomas
Adam Threlkeld
Kate Easton, Service Provider, Birth-to-Three, PCC
Ronald Grant, Director of Outreach, First Step Recovery Center
Thomas "Tom" Stawicki, Legislative Director, Amalgamated Transit Union
(ATU), Local 998
John Gentry
Patricia "Pat" Jursik, President and Board Member, Preserve Our Parks (POP)
William "Bill" Lynch, Board Member, POP
Jeffrey Martinka, Board Member, POP
Katie Bruner, Executive Director, POP
Jedediah Moss, Beyond Vision
Jennifer Lemke, Enderis Park Neighborhood Association
Tania Smith, Community Partnerships Director, Greater Holy Temple Christian
Academy
Sandra Wicker
Aubrey Klein, HEAR Wisconsin
Ruth Weill, Community Development Manager, Riverworks Development
Corporation
Gary Quartana
Jhuablai Thao, District 5, Youth Commission
Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Executive Director, Local Initiatives Support
Corporation
Megan O'Halloran, District 8, Milwaukee Public Schools Board of Directors
Kevin Meyers, Member, Paratransit Taxi Task Force, Co-Chairperson, Transit
Services Advisory Committee, and Transportation Advocacy, Independence
First (IF)
Rebecca "Becky" Rabatin, Community Access and Legislative Policy, IF
Susan Hjelsand, Senior Community Impact Director, American Heart
Association
Rafael Carlos Diaz
Terry Harris
Dawn Carillo, Manager, Oak Creek Farmer's Market
Therese Gripentrog, Board Member, POP
Josue "Joshua" Salazar, Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
Blue Pelikan, DSA
Cheryl Nenn, Board Member, POP, and Riverkeeper, Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Roxie Touchstone

Brian Voces Verdin
Brian Peters, IF, and Commissioner, COA
Dena Radtke, Manager, Jackson Park Farmers Market
Beverly Smiley, President and Board Member, Milwaukee Domes Alliance (MDA)
Art Alamo, MDA
Amanda Richman, Healthy Climate Wisconsin
Rene Smith
Rob Buttner, President and Chief Executive Officer, Beyond Vision
Ruthe Ann Bowen
Thomas Seery, Wisconsin for Environmental Justice
Barbara Beckert, Member, Paratransit Taxi Task Force
Nycola Pfifer, Chief Steward, ATU, Local 998
Cynthia "Cindy" Bentley, Founder and Executive Director, People First Wisconsin
Tristan McLinden
Maia Maties
Elizabeth O'Brien, Leaders Igniting Transformation (LIT)
Annie Carrell
Julia Alberth, Healthy Climate Wisconsin
Michael Brown, Vice President, ATU, Local 998
Kristin Johnson, HEAR Wisconsin
Mohamad "Paul" Al Arnaouf
Shaina Franzen
Sophia Mueller, Rufus King High School
Robert McMullen
Clay Ecklund
Suzanne Roberts
Rose Onama, Commissioner, Commission for Persons with Disabilities
Arthur Bollis, Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (MAARPR)
Stephanie Wood, Instructor, Milwaukee County Transit System, and Member, ATU, Local 998
Connor Grossnickele, LIT
Kim Becker
Casey Serrano, MAARPR
Diego Garcia, MAARPR
Minnie Harmon
Bishop Willie Brooks, Jr.
Shawn Richards
April Haves
Rachel Ramos
Jeff Young
Michael Anderson, Youth Program Manager, Milwaukee Bike Federation, and Member, Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee
Craig Becker
Dr. Maqsood A. Khan, Member, Franklin Public School Board
Patricia Crerar
Sebastian Clancy
Ariel Minakawa
Eric Bartolotti, Save MCTS 33
Adrianne Schellinger, Milwaukee School of Engineering

The following people provided documents to County Supervisors, which are included and attached to this Budget File as "25-668 WRITTEN TESTIMONY (10/27/25)."

Thomas "Tom" Stawicki
Theodore Lipscomb, Sr.
Barbara Beckert

The following people registered to speak regarding the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET, but did not appear:

Mike Brauer
H. Vergara
Felix Saturn Gyselinck
Khris Drollinger
Marta Alamo, MDA
Susie Seidelmann
Lucas Alamo
Tyree Powell
Ron Jansen
Joyce Jones, Operator, MCTS
Dennis Jones
Kathy Socher
Karen Harrison
James Macon
Kim Sobczak, University of Wisconsin (UW)-Extension
Heidi Herro
Sandra Cooper
Pharmaan Singh
Laura Bautista
Atumra and Kaiimaa Free, UW-Extension 4-H Program
Leia Knoll
Maria Elena Calhoun

The following people appeared virtually and spoke regarding the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET:

D'Mario Cockfield, Co-Chairperson, Youth Commission
BJ Ermenc, Commissioner, Commission for Persons with Disabilities, City of Wauwatosa
Marie Colmerauer
Kyra Orvis
Ebony Haynes
State Representative Ryan Clancy, District 19, Wisconsin State Assembly

The following people registered to speak virtually regarding the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET, but did not appear:

Jim Endres
Kelsey Prestby
Michael Clouthier
Sevyn Gilbert
Rosalia Pembroke

The following people did not register to speak, but provided written comments regarding the County Executive's 2026 Recommended Budget and Amendments by the Committee on Finance-BUDGET:

Jeff Coplai
Marti Coplai
Timothy Kitzman
Rowan Hildebrandt
Linda LaGrone
Raphi Rechitsky and Family, UW-Extension 4-H Program
Ama Umrani
Heba Mohammad
[Anonymous]
Mary Dukes Hamrick
Marin Rivera Family
Byron Dixon
Mike Frailin
Margaret Wittig
Dr. Shawna Whitehead, Chairperson, Economic Development Committee,
Wisconsin Branch, National Association for the Advancement of Colored
People
Renee LaCroix
Sophia Scaffidi
Cherie Ray
Alondra Garcia, Voces de la Frontera, and Wisconsin Association for Bilingual
Education
Ira Erickson

PRESENTATIONS BY SUPERVISORS

There were no Presentations by Supervisors.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2 [25-1](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing an informational report regarding Summons and Complaints.

Attachments: [25-1 Summons and Complaints \(10/27/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the October 27, 2025, listing of Summons and Complaints be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

NOTICE OF CLAIMS

- 3 [25-2](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing a report regarding Notice of Claims.

Attachments: [25-2 Notice of Claims \(10/27/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea to SUSPEND THE RULES to consider Item 3. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous consent:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the October 27, 2025, listing of Notice of Claims be DISALLOWED. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

FILES REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEES

- 4 [25-3](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing an informational report regarding Files Referred to Standing Committees.

Attachments: [25-3 Files Referred to Standing Committees \(10/27/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the October 27, 2025, listing of Files Referred to Standing Committees be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

- 5 [25-4](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing a report regarding Journal of Proceedings.

Attachments: [25-4 DRAFT Journal of Proceedings \(09/30/25\)](#)
 [25-4 FINAL Journal of Proceedings \(09/30/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the Tuesday, September 30, 2025, Journal of Proceedings be **ADOPTED**. The motion **PREVAILED** by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items of Unfinished Business.

REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS

There were no Reports of County Officers.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY AND FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

There were no Resolutions and Ordinances By and From Standing Committees.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES BY AND FROM SELECT OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES

There were no Resolutions and Ordinances By and From Select or Special Committees.

E-COMMENTS

- 6 [25-7](#) eComments submitted to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for the Public Hearing regarding the 2026 Recommended Budget 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. 25-7 at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Attachments: [25-7 eComments \(10/27/25\)](#)

The October 27, 2025, record of eComments is attached to this file as "25-7 eComments (10/27/25)."

The October 27, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

COUNTY BOARD CITATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

- 7 [25-5](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing a report regarding County Board Citations and Certificates.

Attachments: [25-5 Citations & Certificates \(10/27/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the October 27, 2025, listing of Citations and Certificates be ADOPTED. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES PRESENTED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

There were no Resolutions and Ordinances Presented Under Suspension of the Rules.

FILES NOT REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEES

- 8 [25-6](#) From the Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk, providing an informational report regarding Files Not Referred to Standing Committees.

Attachments: [25-6 Files NOT Referred to Standing Committees \(10/27/25\)](#)

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that the October 27, 2025, listing of Files Not Referred to Standing Committees be RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

ADJOURNMENT at 9:52 P.M.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this meeting be ADJOURNED to Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. The motion PREVAILED by unanimous voice vote:

Aye: 18 - Alexander, Bielinski, Capriolo, Coggs-Jones, Eckblad, Gómez-Tom, Johnson Jr., Logsdon, Martin, Martinez, O'Connor, Rolland, Shea, Taylor (5), Taylor (17), Vincent, Wasserman and Nicholson

Upcoming Meetings of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. (Budget Adoption)

Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (Veto Session, if necessary)