



Milwaukee County

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Milwaukee, WI 53233

Meeting Minutes Committee on Finance

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Vice Chairperson: Steve F. Taylor

Supervisor Sequanna Taylor

Supervisor Shawn Rolland

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

Supervisor Justin Bielinski

Supervisor Anne O'Connor

Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith (278-4225)

Director of Research and Policy: Steve Cady, (414) 278-4347

Wednesday, June 18, 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 9:11 a.m.

Present 5 - Taylor (17), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski and O'Connor

Excused 2 - Taylor (5) and Johnson Jr.

Supervisors Sequanna Taylor (5) and Juan Miguel Martinez appeared virtually for today's meeting.

Supervisors Sequanna Taylor (5) and Willie Johnson, Jr., were not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared later in the meeting.

APPOINTMENT - 1

- 1 [25-375](#) From the County Executive, reappointing Aaron Hertzberg to the Director of Milwaukee County's Department of Administrative Services for a four-year term ending on June 24, 2029.

Attachments: [25-375 REAPPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
[25-375 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)

APPEARANCES:

Timothy "Tim" Schabo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services, and
Appointee

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Reappointment be
RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following
vote:

Aye: 6 - Taylor (17), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 1 - Taylor (5)

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1

- 2 [25-51](#) From the President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum, providing an informational report regarding financial statements. **(Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-51 JUNE REPORT \(received 05/21/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Thomas "Tom" Oechler, Chief Financial Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum
(virtually)

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

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE (DPRC) /
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES /
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (DAS) - 1**

- 3 [25-414](#) A report from the Executive Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Executive Director, Department of Parks, and Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services, authorizing Milwaukee County to approve a ground lease agreement term sheet with Jewish Family Services, Inc. and its assigns and affiliates for development of a mixed-use senior/community center and affordable housing project at McGovern Park, and to take related actions to support the feasibility and advancement of the project **(Referred to the Committees on Parks and Culture; Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-414 REPORT](#)
 [25-414 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-414 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-414 AERIAL SITE MAP - EXHIBIT A](#)
 [25-414 GROUND LEASE TERM SHEET AND EXHIBIT B](#)
 [25-414 OOE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY](#)
 [25-414 POWERPOINT \(06/10/25\)](#)
 [25-414 WRITTEN TESTIMONY \(06/10/25\)](#)
 [25-414 LETTER & PETITION \(06/10/25\)](#)
 [25-414 TEAMS MEETING LINK](#)
 [25-414 WRITTEN TESTIMONY II \(06/12/25\)](#)
 [25-414 FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS \(received 06/13/25\)](#)
 [25-414 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(P&C\)](#)
 [25-414 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(HEHNSP\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

David Crowley, Milwaukee County Executive, Office of the County Executive (virtually)
Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)
Isaac Rowlett, Strategy Director, Strategy Division, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP)
Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services
Shakita LaGrant-McClain, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Sumaiyah Clark, Chief Equity Officer, Office of Equity (virtually)
James "Jim" Tarrantino, Deputy Director, DPRC (virtually)
James "Jim" Mathy, Housing Administrator, DHHS
Sandra "Sandy" Saltzstein, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller
Daniel "Dan" Idzikowski, Director, Aging Services, DHHS

The following people spoke against this Action Report:

Minnie Harmon

Sally Callan

Laurie Muench

Kevin Haley, Member, Preserve our Parks (POP)

Therese Gripentrog, Member, POP

Katlin Hahn, Director of Operations, Havenwoods Neighborhood Partnership

Joy Adams

Maria Elena Calhoun

Jeff Martinka, Board Member, POP

Cassandra Flagg, Director, Villard Avenue Business Improvement District

Stephanie Harling, Executive Director, Havenwoods Partnership

William "Bill" Lynch registered to speak against this Action Report but did not appear before the Committee.

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Action Report:

Mark Laux, Housing Board, Housing, Jewish Family Services, Inc. (JFS)

Jan Wilberg, Chairperson, Milwaukee Commission on Aging (COA)

Daniel Fleischman, Vice President of Housing and Residential Services, JFS

Eugene "Gene" R. Guskowski, Legislative Officer and Chairperson, Senior Center Committee, COA

Vi Hawkins, Former member and Chairperson, COA

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

Aye: 3 - Taylor (17), Rolland and Johnson Jr.

No: 3 - Martinez, Bielinski and O'Connor

Excused: 1 - Taylor (5)

In accordance with Section 1.04(a) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances, Item 3 will proceed to the June 26, 2025, meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors with No Recommendation Due, to a Tie Vote on the Motion to Recommend Adoption.

DPRC - 2

- 4 [25-432](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the abandoned boat along the shore of Lake Michigan between North Point and McKinley beach (**Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Finance**) (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [25-432 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

James "Jim" Tarrantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

PASSIVE REVIEW: ITEM 5

Act 14 provides for a 14-day review period by the Finance Committee for all contracts with a value at least \$100,000, but not more than \$300,000. The contract may take effect only upon one of the following:

The 14-day review period expired with no action by the Finance Committee, or

The Finance Committee reviewed the item and placed it on file within the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to approve the contract during the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to reject it within the 14-day review period, but, within 30 days of the Committee action, the County Board votes to approve it.

- 5 [25-443](#) From the Executive Director of Milwaukee County Parks, requesting a passive review of a service agreement in an amount not to exceed \$140,250, including any future amendments, with BCI Entertainment, LLC for a July 3rd Drone Show. (**PASSIVE REVIEW; INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [25-443 REPORT](#)

[25-443 FISCAL NOTE](#)

[25-443 EXCEPTION REQUEST FORM](#)

APPEARANCES:

James "Jim" Tarrantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC) (virtually)

Robert Senglaub, Contracts Manager, DPRC (virtually)

Guy Smith, Director, DPRC

This Passive Review Contract was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN, and APPROVED.

PASSIVE REVIEW: ITEM 6

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The Finance Committee reviewed the item and placed it on file within the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to approve the contract during the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to reject it within the 14-day review period, but, within 30 days of the Committee action, the County Board votes to approve it.

6 [25-445](#)

A Request from the Director, Department of Administrative Services, regarding Passive Review of a Professional Services Agreement exceeding \$100,000 but less than \$300,000 for Capital Project WO562-22510 War Memorial Center Saarinen Stairway
(PASSIVE REVIEW; INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-445 REPORT](#)
 [25-445 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Max Saichek, Project Manager, Architecture and Environmental Services
Section, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administrative
Services

This Passive Review Contract was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN, and APPROVED.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - 1

- 7 [25-384](#) From the Director, Department of Transportation, requesting authorization to apply for and accept Implementation funding, if awarded, through the 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program. **(Referred to the Committees on Transportation and Transit; and Finance)**

Attachments: [25-384 REPORT](#)
 [25-384 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-384 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Jeff Sponcia, Transportation Programming Planning Manager, Department of Transportation

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 6 - Taylor (17), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 1 - Taylor (5)

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES (DHR) - 1

- 8 [25-394](#) **2025 Adopted Budget Amendment 02:** From the Director of Total Rewards, Department of Human Resources, providing an informational report in response to the request for an analysis of potential savings associated with increasing the health insurance opt-out incentive payment in 2026. **(Considered by the Committees on Personnel; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-394 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Tony Maze, Director of Total Rewards, Department of Human Resources

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES / DHR - 1

- 9 [25-424](#) From the Director of Retirement Plan Services, Department of Human Resources, providing an informational report detailing the 2026 Milwaukee County Pension Contributions for Legacy Pension Systems (ERS and OBRA). **(Considered by the Committees on Personnel; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-424 REPORT](#)
 [25-424 COUNTY CONTRIBUTION](#)
 [25-424 ERS VALUATION](#)
 [25-424 OBRA VALUATION](#)

APPEARANCE:

Erika Bronikowski, Director of Retirement Plan Services, Department of Human Resources (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF - 1

- 10 [25-410](#) From the Chief Deputy, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, submitting an informational report on MCSO's 2025 Deficit and Overtime Deficit Update **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-410 REPORT](#)

APPEAANCES:

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

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF STRATEGY, BUDGET, AND PERFORMANCE - 2

- 11 [25-388](#) Request to apply for, accept, and administer prize funds from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Attachments: [25-388 REPORT](#)
 [25-388 REVISED REPORT \(received 06/05/25\)](#)
 [25-388 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-388 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Nichole Todd, Senior Policy Manager, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) (virtually)

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, OSBP

Guy Smith, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 2 - Taylor (5) and Rolland

- 12 [25-408](#) From the Director Office Strategy, Budget and Performance providing an appropriation transfer packet for the June 2025 cycle.

Attachments: [25-408 DRAFT TRANSFER PACKET](#)

APPEARANCE:

Joseph "Joe" Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that this Transfer Packet be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 2 - Taylor (5) and Rolland

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER - 4

- 13** [25-387](#) From the Milwaukee County Comptroller requesting approval to allocate approximately \$371,000 in lapsed project funds from the Debt Service Reserve; and to process the associated administrative appropriation transfers to pay eligible debt service expenses, and to provide additional funding to ongoing projects with shortfalls.

Attachments: [25-387 REPORT](#)
 [25-387 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-387 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Justin Rodriguez, Capital Project Manager, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor O'Connor that this Action Report be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 2 - Taylor (5) and Rolland

- 14** [25-73](#) From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report regarding contract notifications received pursuant to Sections 44.09(e), 46.09(8), and 56.30(8) of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-73 JUNE REPORT \(received 06/09/25\)](#)
 [25-73 JUNE ATTACHMENT 3 \(received 06/09/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Alexis Gassenhuber, Contracts Coordinator, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Taylor (17) that June Report for this Reference File be RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Martinez, Bielinski, O'Connor and Johnson Jr.

Excused: 2 - Taylor (5) and Rolland

15 [25-74](#)

From the Milwaukee County Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, providing an informational report regarding the 2025 year-end fiscal projection for Milwaukee County.

(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-74 JUNE REPORT \(received 06/11/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Cynthia "CJ" Pahl, Financial Services Director, Office of the Comptroller (virtually)

Donna Brown-Martin, Director, Department of Transportation (virtually)

A motion was made by Supervisor Rolland that the June Report for this Reference File be **RECOMMENDED TO BE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Taylor (17), Rolland, Martinez, Bielinski and O'Connor

Excused: 2 - Taylor (5) and Johnson Jr.

PASSIVE REVIEW: ITEM 16

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The Finance Committee voted to approve the contract during the 14-day review period, or

The Finance Committee voted to reject it within the 14-day review period, but, within 30 days of the Committee action, the County Board votes to approve it.

16 [25-442](#)

From the Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller, requesting authorization to extend the contract with Foster & Foster for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) actuarial services for an additional two-year term through July 31, 2027 **(PASSIVE REVIEW; INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [25-442 REPORT](#)
 [25-442 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCE:

Cynthia "CJ" Pahl, Director of Financial Services, Office of the Comptroller

This Passive Review Contract was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN, and APPROVED**.

Items 17 and 18 were considered together.

OFFICE OF CORPORATION COUNSEL - 2

CLOSED SESSION: ITEMS 17 AND 18

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 Items 17 and 18.

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[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 17 and 18 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 17 and 18.

The June Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 17 and 18 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 18 [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 17 and 18 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into Closed Session to discuss Items 17 and 18.

The June Reports for the Reference Files associated with Items 17 and 18 were DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 19 [25-72](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Finance 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. 25-72 at the conclusion of each meeting.

Attachments: [25-72 eComments \(06/18/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

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

The June 18, 2025, record of eCommits is attached to this File as "25-72 eComments (06/18/25)."

The June 18, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 9:11 a.m. to 1:18 p.m.

Adjourned,

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

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Finance is Thursday, July 17, 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.