



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Parks and Culture

Chairperson: Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Steve F. Taylor

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Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones

Supervisor Juan Miguel Martinez

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Tuesday, December 2, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 203-R and Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

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 9:05 a.m.

Present 6 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, O'Connor and Wasserman

Absent 1 - Eckblad

Supervisor Jack Eckblad was present virtually at the time the roll was called, but was marked absent due to technical difficulties. Supervisor Jack Eckblad appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

Supervisors Felesia A. Martin, Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Juan Miguel Martinez, and Jack Eckblad appeared virtually for today's meeting.

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM - 1

- 1 [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 DECEMBER REPORT \(received 11/13/25\)](#)
 [25-51 POWERPOINT \(received 11/13/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Dr. Ellen Censky, President and Chief Executive Officer, Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM)

Thomas "Tom" Oechler, Chief Financial Officer, MPM

Supervisor Katheen Vincent, District 11 (virtually)

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

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO - 1
[ORDINANCE]**

- 2 [25-682](#) From the Executive Zoo Director requesting approval to amend Milwaukee County Ordinance Sections 47.06 and 63.09

Attachments: [25-682 REPORT](#)
 [25-682 RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE](#)
 [25-682 FISCAL NOTE](#)

APPEARANCES:

Amos Morris, Director, Milwaukee County Zoo (Zoo)

Vera Westphal, Deputy Director of Administration, Finance, and Operations, Zoo

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

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION, AND CULTURE - 2

- 3 [25-718](#) From the Executive Director of Parks requesting authorization to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement (ICA) with the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) for a flood mitigation project within Wilson Park.

Attachments: [25-718 REPORT](#)
 [25-718 RESOLUTION](#)
 [25-718 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [25-718 INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT](#)
 [25-718 POWERPOINT \(received 11/25/25\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

James "Jim" Tarantino, Deputy Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture

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

Patrick Eliot, Project Manager, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)

Jennifer Wright, Watercourse Section Manager, MMSD

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

Aye: 7 - Taylor (17), Martin, Coggs-Jones, Martinez, Eckblad, O'Connor and Wasserman

- 4 [25-717](#) From the Executive Director of Parks providing an informational report on the findings from the testing of the Hales Corner Park Pool in 2025.
(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [25-717 REPORT](#)
 [25-717 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Peter Bratt, Director of Operations and Skilled Trades, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Culture (DPRC)

Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Guy Smith, Director, DPRC

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

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - 1

- 5 [25-746](#) Informational Report DAS Wil-O-Ways (**Considered by the Committees on Parks and Culture; and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning**) (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

Attachments: [25-746 REPORT](#)
 [25-746 FACILITY CONDITION PHOTOGRAPHS \(12/01/25\)](#)
 [25-746 WPF REPORT: YOUNG AT HEART \(12/01/25\)](#)
 [25-746 POWERPOINT \(12/02/25\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Sean Hayes, Director, Facilities Management Division, DAS
David Muhammad, Deputy Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Daniel "Dan" Idzikowski, Director, Aging Services, DHHS
Jacqueline Formanek, Director, Disability Services, DHHS (virtually)
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9

Mr. Hertzberg provided an electronic presentation, which is attached to this file as "25-746 POWERPOINT (12/02/25)."

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

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 6 [25-50](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Parks and Culture 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. 25-50 at the conclusion of each meeting.

There were no appearances for Item 6.

There were no eComments submitted for the December 2, 2025, meeting.

The December 2, 2025, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of Meeting: 9:05 a.m. to 11:59 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Evans
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Parks and Culture**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Parks and Culture is Thursday,
January 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before
WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., for the January meeting cycle.