



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 2:00 PM Council Chambers, Room 300

Council convened at 2:07 P.M., Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Jan-Michele Kearney, President Pro Tempore
Scotty Johnson, Councilmember Ryan James,
Councilmember Meeka Owens, Councilmember Seth
Walsh, Councilmember Anna Albi, Councilmember Mark
Jeffreys, Councilmember Evan Nolan, and
Councilmember Jeff Cramerding

In attendance were City Manager Sheryl Long, City Solicitor Emily Smart Woerner,
and Clerk of Council Anthony Covington.

Councilmembers Cramerding and Nolan are absent from today's Council meeting.

**Council observed a moment of silent prayer and recited the Pledge of
Allegiance to the Flag.**

**There being no objection, the Minutes of the previous session of council
were Approved and Filed.**

MAYOR AFTAB

Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission

- 1. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint
Reggie Harris the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,
Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender
identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March
25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice
and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA)

[202601071](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Storm Boyd the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White)

[202601072](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Carson Hartlage the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March 25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice and consent pursuant to its Rules. (They/White)

[202601073](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

4. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Jeniece Jones to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

[202601074](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding

5. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Joshua Petty Kayes to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/Asian)

[202601076](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding

6. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Sarah Pickle to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202601077](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

7. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Jeremy Jay Phillippi to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March 25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/White).

[202601078](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

8. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Karen Morgan to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202601079](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

9. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Delia Sosa to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March 25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (They/White)

[202601080](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding

10. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Jeremy Tyler to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of two years ending March 25th, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/AA)

[202601081](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding

11. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Jonah Yokoyama to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March 25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Male/)

[202601082](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

- 12. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Nicha Zingarelli to the Cincinnati Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and other sexual and gender Identities (LGBTQIA+) Commission for a term of four years ending March 25th, 2030. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/White)

[202601083](#)

Confirmed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
 President Pro Tempore Johnson
 Councilmember James
 Councilmember Owens
 Councilmember Walsh
 Councilmember Albi
 Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
 Councilmember Cramerding

Cincinnati Arts Association

- 13. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Tammie Scott to the Cincinnati Arts Association for a term of three years expiring January 31, 2028. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

[202601152](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Convention Facilities Authority

- 14. APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby appoint Dari Daniels to the Convention Facilities Authority for a term ending June 22, 2026. This appointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)

[202601153](#)

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

Woodward Trust

- 15. REAPPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, I hereby reappoint

[202601155](#)

Sandra D. Mosley to the Woodward Trust for a term expiring on March 31, 2029. This reappointment is submitted to City Council for its advice & consent pursuant to its Rules. (Female/AA)
CONFIRM

Held one week pursuant to rule of council

MS. ALBI

- 16. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Councilmember Albi, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Dr. Rebekah Beaulieu as a 2026 Women's History Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for her professional accomplishments and contributions to the arts in Cincinnati.

[202601137](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding
Enactment No: 0013-2026

MS. KEARNEY

- 17. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Dr. Monica J. Posey as a 2026 Women's Health Month honoree and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Dr. Posey's historic leadership and contributions to education in Cincinnati.

[202601143](#)

Passed

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding
Enactment No: 0014-2026

- 18. RESOLUTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, from Emily Smart Woerner, City Solicitor, **RECOGNIZING** Helen Rankin and **EXPRESSING** the appreciation of the Mayor and the Council of the City of Cincinnati for Representative Rankin's lifetime of accomplishment and representation of the city of Cincinnati in the Ohio State House.

[202601167](#)

Held

Enactment No: 0015-2026

MR. WALSH

- 19. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmember Walsh, **WE MOVE** that the City of Cincinnati prepare and deliver, within 60 days, a comprehensive report evaluating the City's ability through the Cincinnati Parks Department or other appropriate agency to acquire and maintain the Paul Clock Bell Tower. (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202601151](#)

Referred to Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee

MR. JEFFREYS

MS. ALBI

MR. NOLAN

MR. CRAMERDING

MS. OWENS

- 20. MOTION**, submitted by Councilmembers Jeffreys, Albi, Nolan, Cramerding and Owens, The establishment of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) on Reading Road and Hamilton Avenue will create "Opportunity Corridors" - areas ripe for private sector development of new housing and jobs. To prepare for these Opportunity Corridors, **WE MOVE** that the administration produce a report in the 60 days on the following: Identify vacant public land/buildings (City, Port, County owned) located directly along the proposed BRT Opportunity Corridors and within 1/8 mile of it, including the total acreage. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE) (STATEMENT ATTACHED)

[202601159](#)

Referred to Housing & Growth Committee

CITY MANAGER

- 21. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for HP Liquor, LLC, DBA Hyde Park Square Wine & Liquor, 2707-2709 Erie Ave. (#10013240-1, TRFO, D-1 D-2 D-3 D-6) [Objections: Yes]

[202601084](#)

Filed

- 22. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for 6H Management LLC, New Waterloo Cincinnati, 210 E 6th Street. (#08199012-3, New, D-3) [Objections: Yes] [202601087](#)

Filed

- 23. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Russell Dickerson-ICON Festival Stage. [202601101](#)

Filed

- 24. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026 submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on a communication from the State of Ohio, Division of Liquor Control, advising of a permit application for Jay Sanderi LLC, 7117 Vine St. (#10011298-1, TRFO, C-1 C-2) [Objections: None] [202601102](#)

Filed

- 25. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Oakley After Hours. [202601115](#)

Filed

- 26. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Hyde Park Farmer's Market. [202601116](#)

Filed

- 27. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Real Tacofest. [202601117](#)

Filed

- 28. ORDINANCE** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/25/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 40-1989, which authorized the establishment of Fund No. 384, "Sewers Activity Fund," to expand the permissible sources for the fund to include employee fundraising activities, and the permissible uses of the fund to include the costs of employee events, recognition activities, awards, providing equipment, supplies and maintenance for lunchroom facilities, educational opportunities, and training and development programs for sewer district employees. [202601125](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee
Enactment No: 0093-2026

- 29. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/25/2026, **AMENDING** Ordinance No. 5-2026 to authorize the City Manager to accept a monetary donation of \$33,700 from the Cincinnati Fire Foundation to purchase six Trek Service Electric mountain bikes and one bicycle towable REX-1 stretcher and towing accessories to [202601126](#)

be used by the Cincinnati Fire Department's Emergency Medical Bike Unit; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit the donated funds into Fund 472, "Fire Grants and Donations," revenue account no. 472x8571.

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee
Enactment No: 0085-2026

- 30. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/25/2026, **AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to apply for a grant of up to \$150,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Recreational Trails Program, which is federally funded by the Federal Highway Administration (ALN 20.219), to implement safety improvements through the Ohio River Trail Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove Bike Trail project.

[202601127](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee
Enactment No: 0087-2026

- 31. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Finance and Budget Monitoring Report for the Period Ending December 31, 2025.

[202601128](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee

- 32. ORDINANCE (EMERGENCY)** submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, on 3/25/2026, **MODIFYING** Article II of the Administrative Code of the City of Cincinnati by **ORDAINING** new Section 27, "Office of Strategic Growth," **AMENDING** Section 11, "Assistant and Acting City Manager, and **REPEALING** Section 24, "Office of Opportunity"; **ORDAINING** new Article XXIV, "Department of Opportunity and Resident Services," of the Administrative Code; and **REPEALING** Article XXIV, "Department of Community and Economic Development," of the Administrative Code.

[202601129](#)

Referred to Budget, Finance & Governance Committee
Enactment No: 0094-2026

- 33. REPORT**, dated 3/25/2026, submitted by Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager, regarding Special Event Permit Application for Bacchanalian Society Wine Tasting.

[202601130](#)

Filed

ECONOMIC & CULTURAL OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

- 34. MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for the administration to prepare a report within 60 days on all City opportunities for workforce development including, but not limited to the Youth2Work Program, Career Pathways Initiative, Fire Cadets (youth), Police Cadets (youth), Buildings & Inspections Academy, internships with departments, and other opportunities. (BALANCE ON FILE IN THE CLERK'S OFFICE)

[202601062](#)

Adopted

Yes: Vice Mayor Kearney
President Pro Tempore Johnson
Councilmember James
Councilmember Owens
Councilmember Walsh
Councilmember Albi
Councilmember Jeffreys

Absent: Councilmember Nolan
Councilmember Cramerding

No announcements at this time.

Council adjourned at 2:38 P.M.