



City of Cincinnati

Cincinnati City Council

Meeting Minutes

801 Plum Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

**11:00 AM Cincinnati Music Hall Ballroom, 1241
Elm St, Cincinnati, OH 45202**

2026 Cincinnati Mayor and Council Inaugural Ceremony/City Council Session

Council convened at 11:08 A.M., Mayor Aftab Pureval, Presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

MAYOR AFTAB

- 1. MOTION**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, **WE MOVE** that the following Councilmembers be appointed to the committees listed below for the 2026-2028 term of Cincinnati City Council and that such committees convene on the days and times indicated: Budget, Finance & Governance Committee - Weekly, Monday @ 1:00 p.m., Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee - Week B, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., Economic and Cultural Opportunity - Week A, Monday @ 10:00 a.m., Housing & Growth Committee - Week B, Tuesday @ 1:00 p.m., Youth & Human Services Committee - Week A, Tuesday @ 12:30 p.m., and Public Safety & Quality of Life - Week A, Tuesday @ 9:30 a.m. Week A beings on Monday, January 12, 2026, and Week B beings on Monday, January 19, 2026. [202600033](#)

Adopted

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

2. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, Pursuant to Article III, Section 2 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I am appoint the following committee chairs: Budget, Finance & Governance Committee: Councilmember Jeff Cramerding; Climate, City Service, Infrastructure Committee: Councilmember Meeka Owens; Economic and Cultural Opportunity: Vice Mayor Jan Michele Lemon Kearney; Housing and Growth Committee: Councilmember Mark Jeffreys; Public Safety & Quality of Life: Councilmember Scotty Johnson; Youth & Human Services Committee: Councilmember Anna Albi.

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3. **APPOINTMENT**, submitted by Mayor Aftab Pureval, pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, I am appointing Councilmember Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney as the Vice Mayor of the City of Cincinnati, effective January 2, 2026.

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MS. KEARNEY

4. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, **WE MOVE** for Cincinnati City Council to name Cincinnati City Councilmember Scotty Johnson as President Pro Tem for the 2026-2028 term of Cincinnati City Council.

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Adopted

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

5. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, Pursuant to Article II, Section 5a of the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, **WE MOVE** that, Anthony Covington be appointed to Clerk of Council, term beginning January 6, 2026.

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Adopted

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

6. **MOTION**, submitted by Vice Mayor Kearney, WE MOVE that Cincinnati City Council adopt the Rules of Council from the immediate past council as last amended on January 4, 2022, until Council adopts new rules or further revises those adopted today excluding the following which replaces Rule 10.2 Standing Committees in whole: 10.2 Standing Committees. (a) The Standing Committees of Council, commencing January 6, 2026 shall be: (1) Budget, Finance & Governance Committee, (2) Climate, City Service & Infrastructure Committee, (3) Economic and Cultural Opportunity, (4) Housing & Growth Committee (5) Youth & Human Services Committee, (6) Public Safety & Quality of Life; (b) Appointment of a Member to the Standing Committee shall be for the Term.

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Adopted

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

CLERK OF COUNCIL

7. **REPORT**, submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Certification of Election of Councilmembers-Elect for the 2026-2028 term were received from the Hamilton County Board of Elections.

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8. **SUCCESSOR**, submitted by the Clerk of Council that the Successor Designation Certificates of all Councilmember-Elected for the 2026-2028 term were received.

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9. **OATH OF OFFICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, for Mayor-Elect

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Aftab Pureval for the term ending 2030.

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- 10. OATH OF OFFICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council, for the following Councilmembers-Elect for the term ending 2028; Albi, Cramerding, James, Jeffreys, Johnson, Kearney, Nolan, Owens, and Walsh.

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- 11. NOTICE**, submitted by the Clerk of Council. of the 2026 City Council Inaugural Ceremony/City Council Session will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 11:00 a.m., at the Music Hall Ballroom, 1241 Elm Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

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Council adjourned at 1:12 P.M.