

JOINT ADMINISTRATION & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 | 2:00 PM | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MINUTES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM WARDINE ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR
COUNCILORS DARRELL O'QUINN AND CLINTON P. WOODS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

COUNCILOR(S) PRESENT: Alexander, O'Quinn

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Pro Tem Alexander.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES

Action Taken:

Councilor O'Quinn Motioned to Approve.

Councilor Alexander Seconded the Motion.

The December 23, 2024 Joint Administration & Governmental Affairs and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as Recorded.

III. 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION UPDATE – JAMES AARON PIERRE, THE JONES GROUP, LLC.

Mr. Pierre thanked the Committee for the Legislative Agenda. He stated that his team has been working to get sponsors for the legislation that is importation to the Council. There is some legislation that needs to be advertised for the duration of the four weeks; once the advertisement period is done, an update will be provided to the Committee.

Squatters Amendment – Removed

Per Earl Hilliard, when the bill was passed last year and went into effect, polices were having problems with property. It is being evaluated for additional legislative movement.

Public Works Emergency Provision – Pending clarification of language; OCA reviewing/drafting summary for advertisement.

This bill is being evaluated to see if it would allow PEP to handle emergency repairs, etc.

Personnel Board Opt Out – Pending clarification of language.

The bill needs to be written properly to allow the City of Birmingham to opt out on for hiring.

All three bills have only moved in priority until all the necessary edits are completed.

The Session starts February 4th.

The General Fund budget is not growing at the anticipated rate.

The Education budget continues to move in a positive direction.

The gaming bill will be on the agenda during the upcoming session. It lost by one vote in the Senate in the last session.

The ongoing mental health crisis will be further discussion, as well as the statewide growing crime problem

The gun issue is part of the big ten bills that will be discussed.

Councilor O'Quinn suggested the Council have a meeting/training with the Jefferson County Delegation prior to the upcoming Session.

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

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IV. 2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA NEXT STEPS – EARL HILLIARD, JR. GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

A meeting with the Delegation is scheduled for January 27th at 12:00 p.m.; the Council, Jones Group, and Government Affairs (Earl Hilliard, Jr.).

Action Taken:

No Action – Information Only.

V. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

VI. ADJOURNMENT