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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT
JANUARY 2026

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations (CBGO) submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for JANUARY 2026 Meeting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

Date, Time & Location of Meeting: On January 15, 2026, at 12:30 P.M., the Committee on the Budget and Government Operations held a meeting in City Hall, Council Chamber, 121 N. LaSalle Street, 2nd Floor.

Attendance: The following members were present: Chairman Ervin (28), La Spata (1), Dowell (3), Robinson (4), Mitchell (7), Quinn (13), Lopez (15), Mosley (21), Rodriguez (22), Scott (24), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Burnett (27), Taliaferro (29), Cardona (31), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Quezada (35), Villegas (36), Sposato (38), Nugent (39), Reilly (42), Martin (47) and Silverstein (50).

The following members attended virtually: Yancy (5), Harris (8), Moore (17), Mitts (37) and Napolitano (41).

The following members were absent: Vice Chair Lee (11), Beale (9), Ramirez (12), Lopez (15), O'Shea (19), Vasquez (40), Knudsen (43) and Hadden (49).

Internal witnesses present: **Office of Budget and Management (OBM)**: Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director; **Department of Housing (DOH)**: Meredith Muir, Recovery Team Program Manager; **Department of Cultural Affairs & Special Events (DCASE)**: Tahira Baig, Deputy Commissioner; **Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS)**: Margaret Laraviere, Deputy Commissioner, Jordan Evangelista, Grants Research Specialist; **Chicago Police Department (CPD)**: Chris Papaioannou, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Counterterrorism; **Office of Emergency Management and Communications (OEMC)**: Glen Lyman, Deputy Director; **Chicago Fire Department (CFD)**: Bethany Hand, Asst. Commissioner; **Office of Public Safety Administration (OPSA)**: Tomas Maulawin, Director of Grants Management.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations addressed the following items:

- **Approval of the Monthly Rule 45 Report of December 2025.**
- 1. **Appointment of Jacquelyn Rosa as a Member of the Chicago Public Library Board.**
(A2025-0021676)
- 2. **Appointment of John Dale (J.D.) Van Slyke as a Member of the Chicago Public Library Board.**
(A2025-0021674)
- 3. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925.**
Direct Introduction (O2026-0022417)
- 4. **Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment shifting Appropriations Code for CVI funding in CDPH.**
Direct Introduction (O2026-0022416)
- 5. **Transfer of funds within 16th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.**
(O2025-0021941)
- 6. **Transfer of funds within 39th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.**
(O2026-0022174)

Chairman Ervin called meeting to order, took roll call, and recognized a quorum was present. He then made a Motion to allow Committee Members Aldermen Harris, Moore, Mitts, Napolitano, Knudsen and Yancy to join virtually pursuant to Rule 59, so moved by Alderman Martin. Chairman queried all in favor to signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Hearing no objections, the Chairman decreed the Ayes have it, duly recorded the Aldermen added to the roll for quorum and verbally checked to confirm Alders' presence. Alderman Harris, Moore, Mitts, Napolitano and Yancy confirmed their attendance. The Chair then opened the floor for public comments. The following speakers were acknowledged and given three minutes each for commentaries:

- Sandie Norman
- George Blakemore

The Chair concluded the public comment period and took a moment to recognize Aldermen Mosley and Robinson for purposes of quorum. Chairman Ervin proceeded to the approval of the Rule 45 Report of December 2025, which report was transmitted electronically to the Membership. The Chair asked if there were any requests for discussion. Hearing no such requests, Alderman Rodriguez moved to approve the report. A vote was taken, and the report was approved.

Chairman Ervin continued to Items #1 and 2, Appointment of Jacquelyn Rosa and John Dale (J.D.) Van Slyke as Members of the Chicago Public Library Board. The Chair asked both parties to read their opening statements. Ms. Rosa and Mr. Dale read their opening statements into record after which the Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments by the members. He then took pause to add Aldermen Scott and Conway to the roll for purposes of quorum. The Chair then recognized Alderman Dowell.

Alderman Dowell thanked the two appointees for wanting to serve on the Chicago Library Board, then asked Ms. Rosa if United Way funded any initiatives of the Chicago Public Library? Ms. Rosa replied no, the United Way does not fund any initiatives of the Chicago Public Library. Alderman Dowell concluded. The Chair then called Alderman La Spata who thanked the two nominees as well and stated how much he appreciated their commitment to stand up in this time for our libraries. He proceeded to ask Mr. Van Slyke, is there a book that inspires you, that informs and illuminates the work that you do? Mr. Van Slyke responded that he was currently reading a book called Brainstorming, it's about the adolescent brain. I am passionate working with young people, I think understanding all opportunities that are possible, as adolescent's brains are developing, gives me a lot of hope. Upon concluding, Alderman La Spata asked if he could send him the information along with the author. The Chair next called on Alderman Sposato then Silverstein who both conveyed their support and best wishes. The Chairman also offered his support, then asked if there were any other questions, seeing there were none, Alderman Rodriguez moved to pass on Items #1 and 2, a voice vote was observed, hearing no objections, the Appointments were approved and will be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on January 21, 2026.

Chairman Ervin proceeded to Item #3 on the agenda (a direct introduction), a communication recommending the adoption of an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment within Fund 925. Chloe Belczak, Deputy Budget Director, was acknowledged and provided a narrative on the ordinance amending the Fund 925 Appropriation, an additional \$9,878,000 in federal, state and local grant awards for the Chicago Department of Police, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, Chicago Fire Department, Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, Department of Housing and the Department of Family and Support Services. The Chairman opened the floor for questions and comments then recognized Alderman Villegas.

Alderman Villegas referenced the additional \$4 million federal pass-through grant for the Department of Housing as well of the current \$7 million, asking how it is being utilized. Meredith Muir, DOH replied that the \$4 million was a grant award that was won through a competitive process with DCEO, the funds are to support projects that are in the development process to establish non congregate shelter. We expect to leverage the funds this year to support the last two of the non-congregate shelter acquisition projects that are in process right now in the 26th & 21st Wards. The original \$7 million that came from the state goes to an array of different programs unrelated to the \$4 million. The Chair then observed there were no other questions, Chair asked for a Motion to pass Item #3. Alderman Dowell moved to pass, then the Chairman asked all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? In the opinion of the Chair the Ayes have it, recognizing the ordinance passes and will be reported out at our next City Council meeting on January 21, 2026.

The Chairman continued to Item# 4 (a direct introduction), an Annual Appropriation Ordinance Year 2026 amendment shifting Appropriations Code for CVI funding in CDPH. Deputy Budget Director Belczak was recognized and gave an overview of the changes, stating that this is a move in funding from the Violence and Reduction Program to the Community Violence Intervention Program as well as moving a person from the Department of Environment back to the Chicago Department of Public Health. The Chair queried for questions, there were none, acknowledged Alderman Quezada's Motion for Move Do Pass, requesting all in favor signify by saying Aye, any opposed? Recorded in the opinion of the Chair as the Ayes have it, the matter was approved and would be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on January 21, 2026.

Chairman Ervin moved to the final two Items #5 and 6 of the agenda, which were Transfers of Fund Ordinances within the 16th and 39th Ward Wage Allowance/Aldermanic Expense Account for Year 2025.


He acknowledged there was a substitute ordinance on both items, which has been distributed to all committee members, he then called a motion to accept the substitute ordinances, Alderman Scott made a motion to accept, the Chair called a vote, recognizing all Ayes and no Nays, and the substitutes were adopted.

Chairman next acknowledged the substitutes on Items #5 and 6 were before the Body. He queried for questions, seeing there were none, then asked if there was a motion to approve Items #5 and 6. Alderman Cardona so Moved, and Chairman called a voice vote signifying all in favor say Aye, any opposed. Hearing no Nays, the Chairman recognized the Do Pass recommendation and it would be reported out at the next City Council Meeting on January 21, 2026.

The Committee on the Budget and Government Operations having no further business, on motion made by Alderman Quinn for adjournment, acknowledging all ayes and no nays, the meeting was adjourned.

(A video recording of the full meetings with committee members, internal and external experts, as well as any/all public speaking content can be reviewed on the Chicago City Clerk website under Committee Meeting Web Stream Archive dated January 15th, respectively.)

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Ervin', written over a horizontal line.

Jason C. Ervin, Chairman
Committee on the Budget and Government Operations