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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy Monthly Rule 45 Report: July 2025

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City of Chicago Rules and Order, the **Committee on Environmental and Energy Protection** submits the following monthly report for **July 2025**.

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On July 23rd, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in Council Chambers in Chicago, Illinois.

The following committee members were present: Maria Hadden (49), Julia Ramirez (12), Byron Sigcho-Lopez (25), Ruth Cruz (30), Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), William Conway (34), Bennet Lawson (44), Matthew Martin (47), Leni Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Remote participation: Timothy Knudsen (43)

Non-members present: Chris Taliaferro (29)

The following members were absent: LaSpata Daniel (1), Raymond Lopez (15), Silvana Tabares (23), Brendan Reilly (42), Angela Clay (46),

Reports and Materials Received by Committee:

1. Overview and matrix of the City of Chicago Sustainable Development Policy.
2. Compiled public comments (82 submissions) to the Committee.
3. Public comment Documents from:
 - a. Lincoln Park Zoo
 - b. Feather Chicago
 - c. NYC Bird Alliance
 - d. C. Esposito
 - e. The Field Museum
 - f. The Nature Conservancy
4. Three data files illustrate the percentage of visitors to Chicago who reported wildlife viewing as part of their itinerary.

Additional Resources:

- Chicago Sun-Times news article: [Chicago's glass buildings kill thousands of migratory birds each year. Advocates want stronger protections – Chicago Sun-Times](#)

- Report from Muhlenberg College: [Bird-Safe Glass: Summary of Costs – Muhlenberg College \(PDF\)](#)

Public Comment:

There were **11** public speakers and **82** written comments.

Written Public Comment Submissions:

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| 1) Lindsey Snyder | 27) Abby Caldwell | 52) R. A. Hathaway |
| 2) Janelle Reynolds | 28) Jennifer E. Bell. | 53) Ellen Smatlak |
| 3) Dr Andy | Ed. D. | 54) Maureen Keane |
| Ramos-Baker | 29) Kristen Hansen | 55) John Swarens |
| 4) Barbara Greenman | 30) Randy Shonkwiler | 56) Erin |
| 5) Anne Curran | 31) Leslie Ritter- | 57) Maureen Keane |
| 6) Angela Baluk | Jenkins Pastor, | 58) John Swarens |
| 7) Luke Albrecht | United Church of | 59) Cristen Vincent |
| 8) Elliot J. Michel | Christ | 60) Erin |
| 9) N.D | 32) Ingrid | 61) Debra Moskovits |
| 10) Margaret Parcell | 33) Ichael Ores | 62) Rena Cohen |
| 11) Cole Tegge, | 34) Sigrid | 63) Rena Appel |
| architectural | 35) Leigh Kelsey | 64) Judy Perlman |
| associate | 36) Alaina | 65) Janet Pellegrini |
| 12) Raleigh M. Coulter | 37) Sarah J Miller | 66) Christina Harber |
| Interiors Studio | 38) Ashley Kircher | 67) Stephanie Reid |
| Manager | 39) Mikaela Slade | 68) Cody Raduha |
| 13) Anne Morse | 40) Jessie Steckling | 69) Ingrid Crepas |
| 14) BETSY BRILL | 41) Vera Miller | 70) Robin Sladen |
| 15) Christie Learned | 42) Karen Gibson | 71) Michaelyn Corbett |
| 16) Faith Buskirk, | 43) Kristin Cerutti | 72) Judy Pollock |
| interior design | 44) Joel Shoolin | 73) Grace Ansani |
| associate | 45) Miranda Schmidt | 74) Tiffany Clark |
| 17) Caitlin D. Sinclair | 46) Grace Palacio | 75) Paul Botts |
| 18) Erica Rickey | 47) Chase Deatrick | 76) Suzanne Storrs |
| 19) Pamela Carmona | 48) Bob Fisher, | 77) Jackie Sloane |
| 20) Chelsea Brown | Communications | 78) Alison Chesley |
| 21) Eileen Murray | Chair, Bird | 79) Sara McHenry |
| 22) Marnie Pomeroy | Conservation | 80) Jennifer Hovey |
| 23) Lindsey Snyder | Network | 81) Linda Waycie |
| 24) Becky Lyons | 49) Barbara Ellen Rose | 82) Karen Lilly |
| 25) Beth Gabriel | 50) Eric Ginsburg | |
| 26) Taylor Gendel | 51) Stu Baker | |

Public comment speakers:

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| 1) Elaine Carlson | 7) Judy Pollock |
| 2) Alice Hargrave | 8) Lois Kimmelman |
| 3) Ruth Joshi Radin Flores | 9) Sergio Vargas |
| 4) Andrew Burnham | 10) Jennifer |
| 5) Nancy Bigelow | 11) Kris Hansen |
| 6) Madeleine Murphy | |

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. June 13, 2024, Rule 45 Approval.

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve the June 2025 Rule 45. Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved, and the approval of the June 2025 Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

2. Rule 59 approval for virtual participation

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve a Rule 59 request for Alderman Knuden to participate in the meeting virtually. Alderman Lawson moved, and the approval for Alderman Knudsen to participate virtually was accepted without objection.

3. Subject Matter Hearing for R2024-0010861- Call for hearing(s) on bird-friendly building design in the City of Chicago

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve R2024-001086, call for hearing(s) on bird-friendly building design in the City of Chicago. Alderwoman Cruz so moved, and the item was passed without objection. Chairwoman Hadden will report this vote as a recommendation to pass at the next City Council meeting on September 25, 2025.

Several representatives joined the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy to provide testimony and answer questions on bird-friendly building design:

- Bradley Roback - Department of Planning and Development
- Dr. Bryan Lenz - American Bird Conservancy
- Mark Toth - Skyline Glass
- Charlie Rizzo - Skyline Glass
- Amy Masters - Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Chicago
- Annette Prince - Chicago Bird Collision Monitors
- Jeanne Gang - Studio Gang
- Jennifer Clark - Loyola University
- Dr. Ruben Keller - Loyola University

Having no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hadden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, stylized "H".

Maria E. Hadden
Chairwoman, Committee on
Environmental Protection & Energy