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Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy Monthly Rule 45 Report: February 2026

Date, Time & Location of Meeting:

On February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., the Committee on Environmental Protection and Energy held a meeting in Council Chambers in City Hall, Chicago, Illinois.

Roll Call:

The following committee members were present: Hadden (49), Knudsen (43), LaSpata (1), Lopez (15), Cruz (30), Rodriguez-Sanchez (33), Conway (34), Reilly (42), Lawson (44), Clay (46), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Remote Participation: Ramirez (12), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), Martin (47).

The following members were absent: None

Non-members present: Hopkins (2)

Public Comment:

There was 1 public speaker:

- George Blakemore

There was 1 written comment from Sustainable Englewood Initiatives

The Committee addressed the following items:

1. Rule 59 approval for virtual participation:

Chair Hadden called for a roll call to establish a quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chair called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ramirez (12), Tabares (23), Sigcho-Lopez (25), and Martin (47). Ald. Cruz so moved to allow remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

2. September 2025 Rule 45 Report approval:

Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to approve Rule 45 for September 2025. Alderwoman Rodriguez-Sanchez so moved, and the approval of the September 2025 Rule 45 was accepted without objection.

3. SR2025-0018658- Expression of continued support for the Chicago Area Waterway System (CAWS) reclamation study.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to accept the substitute ordinance. Alderman Reilly so moved, and the substitute ordinance was accepted for consideration without objection.

Alderman Hopkins and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Commissioner Cameron Davis discussed the resolution and addressed council members' questions.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SR2025-001658**. Alderwoman Manaa-Hoppenworth so moved; the item passed without objection. Chair Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the February 18, 2026, City Council meeting.

4. SR2025-0018763- Recognition of Lincoln Park Zoo and Chicago Bird Alliance on launching Rat Contraceptive Pilot Program

Vice Chair Knudsen and representatives from the Lincoln Park Zoo and the Chicago Bird Alliance discussed the resolution and addressed council members' questions.

Chair Hadden asked for a motion to recommend approval of **SR2025-0018763**. Alderwoman Cruz so moved; the item passed without objection. Chair Hadden stated that the do-pass recommendation would be reported out at the February 18, 2026, City Council meeting.

Having no further business before the committee, Chairwoman Hadden requested a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lopez so moved; hearing no objections, Chairwoman Hadden adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hadden'.

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