



CITY OF CHICAGO



COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT
CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL - ROOM 300
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MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT JULY 2026

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight submits the following report for the meeting held on July 7, 2026.

Attendance

The following committee members were present at the July meeting: Chair Martin (47), Vice Chair Hadden (49), Lee (11), O'Shea (19), Tabares (23), Taliaferro (29), Waguespack (32), Sposato (38), Vasquez (40), Reilly (42), Lawson (44).

The following non-committee members were present: Rodriguez (22), Knudsen (43), Manaa-Hoppenworth (48).

Meeting Opening

Roll call was taken and a quorum established. Alderwoman Vasquez moved to allow Alderwoman Taylor to attend remotely under Rule 59. The motion passed by an affirmative voice vote, with Alderman Sposato as the sole nay vote.

Rule 45 Monthly Report for June 2026

Alderman Reilly moved to approve the Rule 45 Monthly Report for June 2026, which reflected the last committee meeting held on June 10, 2026. The motion passed unanimously by an affirmative voice vote. Approved by Committee July 7, 2026.

The Committee on Ethics and Government Oversight addressed the following items:

1. SO2026-0025003: Amendment of Municipal Code Section 2-156-070 prohibiting use or disclosure of confidential information for prediction markets or event contracts.

- Alderwoman Lee moved to accept the substitute ordinance, which passed unanimously.
- Chair Martin introduced the sponsor of the ordinance, Alderman Knudsen, to provide opening remarks.

- Chair Martin opened the floor for Alderpersons to ask questions and provide comment. The following committee members asked questions or made comments: Hadden, Sposato, Reilly.
- Alderman Reilly moved to pass the substitute, which passed unanimously.
 2. **R2026-0026273: Call on U.S. Andrew Boutros to resign as U.S. Attorney for Northern District of Illinois and Department of Justice to ensure full review of obligations in matters connected to Operation Midway Blitz, Broadview prosecutions, and other related proceedings.**
- Chair Martin introduced the sponsor of the ordinance, Alderman Rodriguez, to provide opening remarks.
- Chair Martin opened the floor for Alderpersons to ask questions and provide comment. The following committee members asked questions or made comments: Vasquez.
- Alderman Reilly moved to pass the substitute, which passed by voice vote, with Alderman Sposato as the sole nay vote.
 3. **Subject Matter Hearing on Democracy and Election Reform Policy Proposals (no votes)**
- Chair Martin introduced the following witnesses to provide testimony:
 - Dan Ashurst, Executive Director at FairVote Illinois;
 - Frederique Desrosier, Policy Director at Chicago Votes;
 - Ellison Radek, Policy Fellow at Chicago Votes;
 - Alisa Kaplan, Executive Director of Reform for Illinois;
 - Priscilla Mims, League Voter Service Team Lead at League of Women Voters Chicago; and
 - Adam Lasker, General Counsel at the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners.
- Chair Martin opened the floor for Alderpersons to ask questions and provide comment. The following committee members asked questions or made comments: Vasquez, Lawson, Lee, Martin. The following non-committee member asked questions or made comments: Villegas.

Meeting Closing

The Committee having no further business, Alderwoman Lee moved to adjourn. Chair Martin adjourned the meeting.