

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS

MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: MAY 2026

Pursuant to the Rule 45 of City of Chicago Rules and Order, the Committee on Health and Human Relations submits the following monthly report for May 2026.

MEETING #1

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Thursday, May 07, 2026.

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 10:25am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum.

The following committee members were present:

Chair Rodriguez Sanchez

Vice Chair Ramirez

Ald. Robinson

Ald. Yancy

Ald. Lopez

Ald. Sigcho Lopez

Ald. Fuentes

Ald. Cruz

Ald. Quezada

Remote:

Ald. Lawson

Ald. Hadden

Ald. Gutierrez

Non Members:

Alder. Lee

After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ald. Lawson, Ald. Hadden, Ald. Gutierrez under Rule 59.

Vice Chair Ramirez moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was the public comment period, with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 13 pink slips submitted and 13 public speakers and 36 written comments that were shared with committee members via email.

For the second item, following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held in March 2026. Alder Quezada moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

The third item on the agenda was [O2025-0021028](#) (Ald. Lee, 11): Amendment of Municipal Code Title 2 by adding new Chapter 2-41 to require Department of Public Health to annually collect race and ethnicity data of city residents using subcategories for Asian or Pacific Islander.

Alder. Lee provided a substitute to the ordinance. Alder Fuentes moved to accept the item, which was accepted by voice vote.

The committee heard presentations from guest of Alder Lee:

- Lisa Wright, CASL, Director of Government Affairs
- David Li, CASL, Community Data Strategist

No questions were asked.

Alder Fuentes moved to approve the item, which was approved by voice vote.

The fourth item on the agenda was [R2026-0024891](#) (Ald. Sigcho Lopez, 25; Ald. Quezada, 35; Ald. Rodriguez Sanchez, 33): Call on U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to immediately release Salah Sarsour and to ensure safeguarding of immigrant rights and prevention of further abuses of power in immigration enforcement.

Ald. Sigcho Lopez provided opening remarks, followed by his guest:

- Kareem Sarsour, son of Salah Sarsour

Alder Quezada, Alder Sigcho Lopez, and Alder Rodriguez Sanchez made remarks. There were no questions.

Alder Lopez called a recount for quorum. Lacking quorum, Alder Lopez called a motion to adjourn. Chair Rodriguez Sanchez calls recess to re-establish quorum.

With quorum not being established, Chair Rodriguez Sanchez adjourned the meeting and rescheduled the meeting until May 19, 2026 at 12:30pm in Room 201A.

MEETING #2

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

Vice Chair Ramirez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 1:05pm. The Vice Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum.

The following committee members were present:

Vice Chair Ramirez

Ald. Gutierrez

Ald. Sigcho Lopez

Ald. Fuentes

Ald. Quezada

Ald. Lawson

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth

Remote:

Ald. Cruz

Ald. Hadden

Non Members:

After establishing a quorum, the Vice Chair called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ald. Cruz and Ald. Hadden under Rule 59.

Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The first item on the agenda was the public comment period, with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 1 pink slips submitted and 3 public speakers and 0 written comments that were shared with committee members via email. As items were transferred from a previous agenda, written comments from the May 7 meeting were again shared with committee members via email.

For the second item, following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held on May 7, 2026. Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

The third item on the agenda was [R2026-0024919](#) (Ald. Rodriguez Sanchez, 33; Ald. Fuentes, 26): Expression of support for passage of Illinois HB2929 that amends The Substance Use Disorder Act

This item was held in committee at the request of the Chair.

The fourth item on the agenda was [R2026-0024891](#) (Ald. Sigcho Lopez, 25; Ald. Quezada, 35; Ald. Rodriguez Sanchez, 33): Call on U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to immediately release Salah Sarsour and to ensure safeguarding of immigrant rights and prevention of further abuses of power in immigration enforcement.

Ald. Sigcho Lopez made remarks.

Ald. Gutierrez moved to approve the item, which was approved by voice vote.

With there being no further business before the committee, Ald. Quezada moved to adjourn, which was approved by voice vote, bringing the meeting to a close.

Respectfully submitted,



Ald. Rossana Rodriguez-Sanchez (33)
Chairperson, Committee on Health and Human Relations