

# COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN RELATIONS

## MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT: JANUARY 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 JANUARY 2026.

### MEETING #1

The Committee on Health and Human Relations held a meeting at City Hall in Council Chambers on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

#### The following committee members were present:

Chair Rodriguez Sanchez  
Ald. Yancy  
Ald. Gutierrez  
Ald. Sigcho Lopez  
Ald. Fuentes  
Ald. Lawson  
Ald. Manaa-Hoppenworth  
Ald. Hadden

Chairperson Rodriguez-Sanchez called the committee meeting to order at approximately 10:19am. The Chair then proceeded to call for a roll call to establish quorum. After establishing a quorum, the Chairperson called for a vote to allow remote participation for Ald. Quezada, Ald. Robinson, Ald. Cruz, and Ald. Ramirez under Rule 59.

Ald. Fuentes moved to approve remote participation, which was approved by voice vote.

The public comment period began with 3 minutes allotted to each speaker. There were 3 public speakers and 10 written comments that were shared with committee members via email.

Following public comments, the Chair called for the approval of the Rule 45 Report from the committee meeting held in October 2025. Ald. Hadden moved to approve the report, which was approved by voice vote.

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The first item on the agenda was [R2025-0021047](#) (Rodriguez Sanchez, 33): "Call on Governor J.B. Pritzker to direct Illinois Commerce Commission to cease all utility disconnections for non-payment universally and to adopt flexible, temporary credit and collection procedure"

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

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The second item on the agenda was a **Subject Matter Hearing** to hear testimony from legislators, legal experts, and community members directly impacted by the disregard for civil rights and liberties by the federal government's immigration enforcement campaign.

The following guests, were present to speak on the item:

- Elliott Payne, Councilmember, Minneapolis
- Hwa Jeong Kim, Council Vice President, St. Paul
- Amanda Otero, Co-Exec. Director of TakeAction Minnesota
- Beatriz Ponce De Leon, Deputy Mayor of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Rights
- Edwin Yohnka, ACLU
- Rey Wences, ICIRR
- Sandra Puebla, Co-chair NW RRT
- Any Huamani, Co-chair SW RRT
- Delia Ramirez, Congresswoman, IL-03

Chair Rossana Rodriguez Sanchez, Ald. Mike Rodriguez, Ald. Quezada, and Ald. Fuentes asked questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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