



City Council



Committee Members and Jurisdictions

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Committee on Aviation

The *Committee on Aviation* has jurisdiction over matters relating to aviation and airports.

Chairman: [Patrick J. Levar](#)

Vice-Chairman: [Michael R. Zalewski](#)

Members: [Lyle](#), [Balcer](#), [Cardenas](#), [Olivo](#), [Burke](#), [Lane](#), [Cochran](#), [Solis](#), [Suarez](#), [Rice](#), [Mitts](#), [Doherty](#)

Committee on The Budget and Government Operations

The *Committee on the Budget and Government Operations* has jurisdiction over the expenditure of all funds appropriated and expended by the City of Chicago. The Committee also has jurisdiction over all matters concerning the organization, reorganization and efficient management of City government, and federal and state legislation and administrative regulations in which the City may have an interest.

Chairman: [Carrie Austin](#)

Vice-Chairman: [Patrick J. Levar](#)

Members: [Hairston](#), [Lyle](#), [Harris](#), [Beale](#), [Pope](#), [Balcer](#), [Cardenas](#), [Olivo](#), [Burke](#), [Thompson](#), [Thomas](#), [Lane](#), [Rugai](#), [Cochran](#), [Brookins](#), [Munoz](#), [Zalewski](#), [Solis](#), [Burnett](#), [Reboyras](#), [Suarez](#), [Mell](#), [Mitts](#), [Laurino](#), [O'Connor](#), [Doherty](#), [Daley](#), [Tunney](#), [Shiller](#), [Schulter](#), [M. Smith](#), [Moore](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Buildings

The *Committee on Buildings* has jurisdiction over building code ordinances and matters generally affecting the Department of Buildings and the Department of Construction and Permits.

Chairman: [Bernard L. Stone](#)

Vice-Chairman: [John Pope](#)

Members: [Hairston](#), [Foulkes](#), [Thomas](#), [Burnett](#), [Ervin](#), [Reboyras](#), [Suarez](#), [Cullerton](#), [Laurino](#), [Reilly](#), [Shiller](#), [M. Smith](#)

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Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics

The *Committee on Committees, Rules and Ethics* has jurisdiction over the Rules of Order and Procedure, the procedures of the Council and its committees, including disputes over committee jurisdiction and referrals, ward redistricting, elections and referenda, committee assignments, the conduct of Council members, the provision of services to the City Council body; the City Clerk and council service agencies including the City Council Legislative Reference Bureau. The Committee is also responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of Chapter 2-156 and Section 2-56-050 of the Municipal Code of Chicago. The Committee also has jurisdiction with regard to all corrections to the *Journal of the Proceedings of the City Council*.

Chairman: [Richard F. Mell](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Edward M. Burke](#), [Carrie M. Austin](#), [Ray Suarez](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Fioretti](#), [Dowell](#), [Newsome](#), [Hairston](#), [Lyle](#), [Jackson](#), [Harris](#), [Beale](#), [Pope](#), [Balcer](#), [Cardenas](#), [Olivo](#), [Foulkes](#), [Thompson](#), [Thomas](#), [Lane](#), [Rugai](#), [Cochran](#), [Brookins](#), [Munoz](#), [Zalewski](#), [Dixon](#), [Solis](#), [Maldonado](#), [Burnett](#), [Ervin](#), [Graham](#), [Reboyras](#), [Waguespack](#), [Colon](#), [Rice](#), [Mitts](#), [Cullerton](#), [Laurino](#), [O'Connor](#), [Doherty](#), [Reilly](#), [Daley](#), [Tunney](#), [Levar](#), [Shiller](#), [Schulter](#), [M. Smith](#), [Moore](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development

The *Committee on Economic, Capital and Technology Development* has jurisdiction over those matters which directly affect the economic and technological expansion and development of the City and economic attraction to the City; and shall work with those public and private organizations that are similarly engaged. The Committee also has jurisdiction over the consideration, identification, goals, plan and approach to the annual and five year Capital Improvement Programs. The Committee may hold community hearings to determine the priorities to be considered in the formulation of such programs.

Chairman: [Margaret Laurino](#)

Vice-Chairman: [Michael R. Zalewski](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Newsome](#), [Jackson](#), [Foulkes](#), [Rugai](#), [Maldonado](#), [Ervin](#), [Colon](#), [Rice](#), [Cullerton](#), [Daley](#), [Tunney](#)

Committee on Education And Child Development

The *Committee on Education and Child Development* has jurisdiction over matters generally related to the City's Department of Children and Youth Services, the development of children and adolescents, the education of the residents of the City of Chicago and matters generally affecting the Chicago Board of Education and Community College District Number 508.

Chairman: [Latasha Thomas](#)

Vice-Chairman: [Daniel Solis](#)

Members: [Jackson](#), [Beale](#), [Cardenas](#), [Lane](#), [Munoz](#), [Dixon](#), [Maldonado](#), [Burnett](#), [Ervin](#), [Waguespack](#), [Laurino](#), [O'Connor](#)

Committee on Energy, Environmental Protection and Public Utilities

The *Committee on Energy, Environmental Protection and Public Utilities* has jurisdiction over all orders, ordinances and resolutions relating to the abatement of air, water and noise pollution; solid waste collection and disposal; recycling and reuse of wastes; conservation of natural resources; and with all other matters not specifically included dealing with the improvement of the quality of the environment and the conservation of energy. The Committee also has jurisdiction over all ordinances, orders, resolutions and matters affecting public utilities with the exception of those matters over which jurisdiction is conferred herein upon the Committee on Transportation and Public Way.

Chairman: [Virginia A. Rugai](#)

Vice-Chairman: [Emma Mitts](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Fioretti](#), [Newsome](#), [Hairston](#), [Beale](#), [Pope](#), [Burke](#), [Thompson](#), [Zalewski](#), [Maldonado](#), [Austin](#), [Moore](#)

Committee on Finance

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The *Committee on Finance* has jurisdiction over tax levies, industrial revenue bonds, general obligation bonds and revenue bond programs, revenue orders, ordinances and resolutions, the financing of municipal services and capital developments; and matters generally affecting the Department on Finance, the City Comptroller, City Treasurer and Department of Revenue; and the solicitation of funds for charitable or other purposes on the streets and other public places. The Committee has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the audit and review of expenditures of funds appropriated by the Council or under the custody of the City Treasurer, all claims under the Illinois Workmen's Compensation Act, the condominium refuse rebate program and all other pecuniary claims against the City or against funds over the custody of the City Treasurer. The Committee also has jurisdiction over all personnel matters relating to City Government.

Chairman: [Edward M. Burke](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Patrick J. O'Connor](#)

Members: [Hairston](#), [Lyle](#), [Harris](#), [Beale](#), [Pope](#), [Balcer](#), [Cardenas](#), [Olivo](#), [Fuolkes](#), [Thomas](#), [Lane](#), [Rugai](#), [Brookins](#), [Munoz](#), [Zalewski](#), [Solis](#), [Burnett](#), [Reboyras](#), [Suarez](#), [Mell](#), [Austin](#), [Colon](#), [Mitts](#), [Laurino](#), [Doherty](#), [Daley](#), [Tunney](#), [Levar](#), [Shiller](#), [Schulter](#), [M. Smith](#), [Moore](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Health

The *Committee on Health* has jurisdiction over health and sanitation matters affecting general health care, control or specific diseases, mental health, alcoholism and substance abuse, food, nutrition, and matters affecting the aged and disabled, the Department of Health, the Bureau of Rodent Control and the Commission on Animal Care and Control.

Chairman: [James Balcer](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [George A. Cardenas](#)

Members: [Fioretti](#), [Dowell](#), [Harris](#), [Thompson](#), [Dixon](#), [Burnett](#), [Mell](#), [Austin](#), [Colon](#), [Reilly](#), [Shiller](#), [Moore](#)

Committee on Historical Landmark Preservation

The Committee on *Historical Landmark Preservation* has jurisdiction over designation, maintenance and preservation of historical and architectural landmarks. The Committee shall work in cooperation with those public and private organizations similarly engaged.

Chairman: [Emma Mitts](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Vi Daley](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Dowell](#), [Newsome](#), [Foulkes](#), [Thompson](#), [Rugai](#), [Colon](#), [Cullerton](#), [Doherty](#), [M. Smith](#), [Moore](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Housing and Real Estate

The *Committee on Housing and Real Estate* has jurisdiction over all housing, redevelopment and neighborhood conservation matters and programs (except Zoning and Building Codes), City planning activities, development and conservation, matters generally affecting the Chicago Plan Commission, the City's housing agencies and the Department of Planning, City and Community Development. It also has jurisdiction over all acquisitions and dispositions of interest in real estate by the City, its agencies and departments. The Committee's jurisdiction includes all other acquisitions and dispositions of interest in real estate which the City Council is required to approve under state or federal law. The Committee has jurisdiction over all leases of real estate, or of space within buildings to which the City or any of its agencies, departments or offices, is a party.

Chairman: [Ray Suarez](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Helen Shiller](#)

Members: [Dowell](#), [Pope](#), [Balcer](#), [Cardenas](#), [Lane](#), [Dixon](#), [Reboyras](#), [Waguespack](#), [Mell](#), [Austin](#), [Rice](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Human Relations

The *Committee on Human Relations* has jurisdiction over all matters relating to human rights and the Commission on Human Relations, and all matters generally affecting veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

Chairman: [Helen Shiller](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Thomas Tunney](#)

Members: [Hairston](#), [Jackson](#), [Pope](#), [Foulkes](#), [Thomas](#), [Munoz](#), [Solis](#), [Maldonado](#), [Waguespack](#), [Mell](#), [Colon](#), [O'Connor](#), [Shiller](#)

Committee on License and Consumer Protection

The *Committee on License and Consumer Protection* has jurisdiction over the licensing of persons, property, businesses and occupations and all matters relating to consumer protection, products liability, consumer fraud and all matters relating to the Department of Consumer Services.

Chairman: [Eugene C. Schulter](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Ariel E. Reboyras](#)

Members: [Fioretti](#), [Lyle](#), [Cardenas](#), [Olivo](#), [Cochran](#), [Zalewski](#), [Graham](#), [Rice](#), [Doherty](#), [Tunney](#), [Shiller](#), [M. Smith](#)

Committee on Parks and Recreation

The *Committee on Parks and Recreation* has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the park system within the City, all matters generally affecting the Chicago Park District and all matters relating to the provision of recreational facilities within the City and shall work with those agencies, both public and private, that are similarly engaged.

Chairman: [Mary Ann Smith](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [James Balcer](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Newsome](#), [Hairston](#), [Lyle](#), [Foulkes](#), [Thompson](#), [Cochran](#), [Munoz](#), [Ervin](#), [Rice](#), [Daley](#), [Schulter](#)

Committee on Police and Fire

The *Committee on Police and Fire* has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the Police Department and the Fire Department.

Chairman: [Michelle Harris](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [James Balcer](#)

Members: [Beale](#), [Pope](#), [Burke](#), [Lane](#), [Rugai](#), [Solis](#), [Burnett](#), [Reboyras](#), [Austin](#), [Mitts](#), [Laurino](#), [Levar](#)

Committee on Special Events and Cultural Affairs

The *Committee on Special Events and Cultural Affairs* has jurisdiction over all special events and related programs of the City, including parades, fests, tastes, community and neighborhood fairs. The Committee shall also have jurisdiction over those matters which affect the cultural growth of the City and its cultural institutions including matters generally affecting the Cultural Center of the Chicago Public Library.

Chairman: [Walter Burnett](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Thomas Tunney](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Fioretti](#), [Hairston](#), [Harris](#), [Thomas](#), [Brookins](#), [Dixon](#), [Graham](#), [Waguespack](#), [Colon](#), [Daley](#), [Levar](#)

Committee on Traffic Control and Safety

The *Committee on Traffic Control and Safety* has jurisdiction over all orders, ordinances, resolutions and matters relating to regulating vehicular and pedestrian traffic, on or off street parking, public safety, superhighways, grade separations, Chicago metropolitan area traffic studies and highway development, and matters generally affecting the Bureau of Street Traffic and the Bureau of Parking, the Police Traffic Bureau, and public and private organizations dealing with traffic.

Chairman: [Patrick O'Connor](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Brian G. Doherty](#)

Members: [Lyle](#), [Jackson](#), [Brookins](#), [Zalewski](#), [Graham](#), [Mell](#), [Mitts](#), [Reilly](#), [Levar](#), [Schulter](#), [M. Smith](#), [Stone](#)

Committee on Transportation and Public Way

The *Committee on Transportation and Public Way* has jurisdiction over all matters relating to the Chicago Transit Authority, the subways and the furnishing of public transportation within the City by any and all means of conveyance. The Committee has jurisdiction over all orders, ordinances and resolutions affecting street naming and layout, the City map, privileges in public ways, special assessments and matters generally affecting the Bureau of Maps and Plats or other agencies dealing with street and alley patterns and elevations, and the Board of Local Improvements.

Chairman: [Anthony Beale](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Ray Suarez](#)

Members: [Moreno](#), [Dowell](#), [Balcer](#), [Rugai](#), [Cochran](#), [Maldonado](#), [Graham](#), [Reboyras](#), [Cullerton](#), [Doherty](#), [Reilly](#), [Levar](#), [Schulter](#)

Committee on Zoning

The *Committee on Zoning* has jurisdiction over all zoning matters and the operation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Department of Zoning.

Chairman: [Daniel Solis](#)

Vice-Chairmen: [Vi Daley](#)

Members: [Harris](#), [Olivo](#), [Burke](#), [Thomas](#), [Brookins](#), [Suarez](#), [Austin](#), [Colon](#), [Laurino](#), [Tunney](#), [Schulter](#), [Stone](#)