

BOUNDARY COMMISSION  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2025

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Will Lauber, Tom Mooney, Steve O'Rourke, Ann Pluemer (arrived at 6:33), George Riddick (arrived at 6:43), Stephanie Robinson Tom Schneider, and Ben Uchitelle (by proxy).

Commissioners Absent: None

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director  
Mike Hart, Legal Counsel (via Zoom)

Others present:

Paul Weatherford, St. Louis County Planning (via Zoom).

Chairman Mooney called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The meeting was held in the 1st Floor Board Room, 401 N. Lindbergh in Creve Coeur, MO 63141.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

Roll was called and a quorum declared by Ms. Dougherty.

Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to accept Ben Uchitelle's proxy. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Schneider made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. O'Rourke seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Robinson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2025. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

REPORTS

Ms. Dougherty introduced Will Lauber as a new commissioner. He represents mayors of large cities. Mr. Lauber shared a little about himself. He grew up in Sunset Hills area, attended Chaminade, Princeton, and Washington University. He now resides in Kirkwood with his family and runs an investment advisory business.

Ms. Dougherty shared that she had exchanged emails with a resident who was seeking information on whether the Boundary Commission ever revisits past annexations. The resident was asking about Valley Park annexations. Ms. Dougherty stated she had replied to the resident explaining that the Commission does not have any authority to rescind annexations. Mr. Hart stated there is a section in the statute that allows for annexed areas to de-annex if a community doesn't fulfill its promises within three years of annexation, but it doesn't come to the Commission.

Ms. Dougherty informed the Commission that she had recently learned that the Planning and Development Director from Berkeley who had presented their map plan posted within the last few days that he was taking a similar job with Webster Groves. She stated she wasn't sure how quickly Berkeley would be moving forward on their plan to annex part of the airport now that Mr. Liebson was no longer at Berkeley.

Ms. Dougherty notified the Commission that she would be out of the office for ten days in March helping her son move back to St. Louis.

Chairman Mooney asked Ms. Dougherty to explain where the Commission is in their proposal cycle timeline as a way of getting everyone up to speed. Ms. Dougherty summarized the 5–6-year proposal cycle that the Commission runs on and that the Commission had just finished the Map Plan phase which starts the 5–6-year cycle. She stated the Commission would begin accepting proposals April 15, 2025 until July 1, 2028.

Chairman Mooney asked Ms. Dougherty to share her vision about the Google calendar. She replied that she would like the Commissioners to share their google calendar with the Commission so she could see when they are available or unavailable for meetings. She also encouraged them to subscribe to the Commission's google calendar so they could see when meetings are and other important dates. Mr. Schneider asked that the December meeting be moved up one week and not be right before Christmas. Ms. Dougherty stated that it had already been moved and is reflected as such on the Google calendar as well as the printed 2025 dates in their meeting packet. She said she didn't know what calendar Mr. Schneider was referring to, that had it listed incorrectly.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Bylaws Amendment – Election by Acclamation

Mr. Hart explained that to streamline the voting process for officers in December, he'd prepared an amendment that allows for a vote by acclamation when there is only one person nominated in each office (e.g. the nominating committee presents its recommended slate of officers). He said in cases where there is more than one nominee per office, the vote would default to the current process.

Chairman Mooney asked if this was the first reading of the by-law's amendment. Ms. Dougherty said it was and after reading it again at the next meeting, they could vote to adopt it.

##### B. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

Mr. Schneider inquired about whether the Commission could skip summer meetings, particularly in August when he'll be at the US Open. Ms. Dougherty explained that the bylaws state they are required to have a minimum of six meetings per year. This allows the Chairperson some discretion on whether to have a meeting when there is no business to attend. She stated that by August the Commission may have already met their required six meetings and it would ultimately be up to the Chair.

Mr. O'Rourke suggested each commissioner introduce themselves to Mr. Lauber and give a little background. The introductions started with Mr. O'Rourke and continued around the room until all had given their name and a little bit of their background.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Rourke made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Dougherty  
Executive Director

Approved: April 22, 2025