

BOUNDARY COMMISSION
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
MEETING MINUTES

May 20, 2025

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Will Lauber, Tom Mooney (by proxy), Steve O'Rourke, Ann Pluemer, George Riddick (arrived 6:38 pm), Stephanie Robinson (via Zoom), Tom Schneider (by proxy), and Ben Uchitelle.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Commission Staff Present: Michelle Dougherty, Executive Director
Mike Hart, Legal Counsel

Others present:

Joel Hensley, St. Louis County Dept of Planning (via Zoom).
Susan Uchitelle

1st Vice Chairman O'Rourke called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The meeting was held in the first-floor board room at 401 N. Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141 with some in attendance via Zoom.

ROLL IS CALLED – QUORUM DECLARED

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

Ms. Pluemer made a motion to accept Tom Mooney and Tom Schneider's proxies. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE AGENDA

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to amend the agenda by removing item 6A. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, 2. Nays, 6. *The motion failed.*

Ms. Pluemer made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, 6. Nays, None. Abstention, 2. *The motion passed.*

APPROVE MINUTES

Ms. Pluemer made a motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2025. Mr. Lauber seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.*

REPORTS

Ms. Dougherty explained she'd been speaking to the representative from Ballwin about their petition. They have to redo the petition because the maximum amount of time between when they started the petition and when they needed to submit it to the Commission had expired. She stated that in her conversation with Ballwin, they are targeting August as when they will be submitting their Simplified Boundary Change: Annexation.

Ms. Dougherty shared she'd received an inquiry from the airport asking for an update on the Berkeley annexation plans. Ms. Dougherty explained that the lack of a proposal from Berkeley is primarily due to changes in their city management and leadership. She said

she'd not heard from anyone directly about their proposal but was based on what she'd read in the news about the changes.

Ms. Dougherty mentioned a conversation with the County Council's attorney about a boundary adjustment between the village of Champ and the city of Maryland Heights. She explained that the attorney was looking for the proper language to be used with boundary adjustments. Ms. Dougherty advised the attorney that the Commission doesn't preside over boundary adjustments and referred her to the Planning Department as the best resource.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1st Vice Chair O'Rourke invited Joel Hensley, the new long-range planning manager from St. Louis County, to introduce himself. Mr. Hensley shared his background in planning work, including current, long-range, and neighborhood planning, and his experience in the Tulsa region. He mentioned his recent move to St. Louis and his residence in downtown Clayton. Several commissioners welcomed Mr. Hensley to the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Closed Session

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) and (3) regarding legal action, causes of action and litigation, and personnel matters. Mr. Lauber seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Will Lauber – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Steve O'Rourke – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

George Riddick – Y

Stephanie Robinson – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

The closed session began at 6:56 pm.

Mr. Mooney made a motion to go back into open session. Mr. Riddick seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Will Lauber – Y

Tom Mooney – Y

Steve O'Rourke – Y

Ann Pluemer – Y

George Riddick – Y

Stephanie Robinson – Y

Tom Schneider – Y

Ben Uchitelle – Y

The closed session ended, and the open session resumed at 7:44 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Uchitelle made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Pluemer seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes, All. Nays, None. *The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Dougherty
Executive Director

Approved: June 24, 2025