

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 22, 2025
TO Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, City Manager
SUBJECT **Request for Placement of Agenda Item**

ITEM/ISSUE PROPOSED FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION:

Pursuant to Section 6.1 of the City Council Rules of Procedure, please post the following item on the voting agenda for August 27, 2025.

A resolution amending Subsections 9.1, "Committees Established," and 9.3, "Committee Meetings," of Section 9 "City Council Committees," of the City Council Rules of Procedure changing the name of the Committee on Government Performance and Financial Management to Committee on Finance, changing the name of the Committee on Workforce, Education, and Equity to Committee on Government Efficiency, and requiring in-person attendance at meetings of City Council committees.

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The proposed resolution amends the City Council Rules of Procedure by changing the name of two of the eight standing committees from the Committee on Government Performance and Financial Management to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Workforce, Education, and Equity to the Committee on Government Efficiency. The renaming of these committees reflects this Mayoral Administration's priority that the City of Dallas (1) practice fiscal responsibility and serve as a prudent steward of taxpayer dollars; and (2) be efficient in its internal operations, delivery of public services, and interactions with other branches and levels of government.

The proposed resolution further amends the City Council Rules of Procedure to clarify that attendance at the legally-noticed location is required by members of City Council committees. An exception is made for committee members to attend such meetings via videoconference when necessitated by official city business. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at all City Council and committee meetings was in person. Since the termination of the Emergency Regulations that provided for hybrid meetings, there is no clear basis for councilmembers appearing via videoconference. Physical presence fosters higher-quality deliberation through face-to-face interaction and promotes efficiency. It also increases focus, attention, and transparency, and reduces risks of technological disruption, while ensuring clear voting and quorum procedures. Members' presence during committee meetings also provides opportunities for informal engagement with citizens, staff, and media that are vital to effective representation. Therefore, while clarifying the existing rules and creating an exception, this amendment strengthens transparency, accountability, and the integrity of the committee process, where much of the City Council's work is done.

Submitted for consideration by:

Mayor Eric L. Johnson

A handwritten signature of Mayor Eric L. Johnson.

Printed Name

Signature

Attachment: Draft Resolution

C: Honorable Members of the Dallas City Council
Billerae Johnson, City Secretary
Tammy Palomino, City Attorney
Mark Swann, City Auditor