



## 2026 COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES (Rev. 01-12-2026)

### COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Oversees the various activities of the Department of Community Investment. This Committee reviews all real and personal tax abatement requests and works closely with the Business Development Team.

Troy Warner, Chairperson  
Karen L. White, Vice-Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Member  
Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Member  
*Citizen Member*

### COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Oversees the various activities of the Engagement and Economic Empowerment, Neighborhood Development, and Community Resources Teams within the City's Department of CI and is charged with facilitating partnerships and ongoing communications with other public and private entities operating within the City.

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Chairperson  
Karen L. White, Vice-Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Sheila Niezgodski, Member  
Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Member  
*Citizen Member*

### COUNCIL RULES COMMITTEE

Oversees the regulations governing the overall operation of the Common Council, as well as all matters of public trust. Its duties are set forth in detail in Section 2-10.1 of the *South Bend Municipal Code*.

Canneth Lee, Member  
Sheila Niezgodski, Member

Troy Warner, Member

### HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Oversees the various activities performed by the Fire and Police Departments, EMS, Department of Code Enforcement, ordinance violations, and related health and public safety matters.

Rachel Tomas Morgan, Chairperson  
Troy Warner, Vice-Chairperson  
Sheila Niezgodski, Member  
*Citizen Member*

Sharon McBride, Member  
Dr. Oliver Davis, Member  
*Citizen Member*

### INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE - Innovation

Oversees the various activities of the City's Department of Innovation, which includes the Divisions of Information Technology and 311 so that the City of South Bend remains competitive and on the cutting edge of developments in this area. Reviewing and proposing upgrades to computer systems and web sites, developing availability and access to GIS data and related technologies are just some of its many activities.

Rachel Tomas Morgan, Chairperson  
Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Vice-Chairperson  
Savino Rivera, *Citizen Member*

Sharon McBride, Member  
Dr. Oliver Davis, Member  
*Citizen Member*

### PARC COMMITTEE- Venues, Parks, and Arts (Parks, Recreation, Cultural Arts & Entertainment)

Oversees the various activities of the Century Center, College Football Hall of Fame, Four Winds Stadium, Morris Performing Arts Center, Studebaker National Museum, South Bend Regional Museum of Art, Potawatomi Zoo, My SB Trails, DTSB relations, and the many recreational and leisure activities offered by the Department of Venues Parks and Arts.



Sharon L. McBride, Chairperson  
Karen L. White, Vice- Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Ophelia Gooden-Rogers, Member  
Troy Warner, Member  
*Citizen Member*

#### **PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Oversees the activities performed by the Department of Administration and Finance, and reviews all proposed salaries, budgets, appropriations, and other fiscal matters, as well as personnel policies, health benefits and related matters.

Sheila Niezgodski, Chairperson  
Karen L. White, Vice-Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Dr. Oliver Davis, Member  
Rachel Tomas Morgan, Member  
*Citizen Member*

#### **PUBLIC WORKS AND PROPERTY VACATION COMMITTEE**

Oversees the various activities performed by the Building Department, the Department of Public Works and related public works and property vacation issues.

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Chairperson  
Sheila Niezgodski, Vice-Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Dr. Oliver Davis, Member  
Troy Warner, Member  
*Citizen Member*

#### **RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE**

Oversees the various activities and issues related to neighborhood development and enhancement.

Karen L. White, Chairperson  
Sheila Niezgodski, Vice-Chairperson  
Sherry Bolden-Simpson  
*Citizen Member*

Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Member  
Sharon McBride, Member  
Rachel Tomas Morgan, Member  
*Citizen Member*

#### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Oversees the activities of all enterprise entities including but not limited to the Bureau of Waterworks, Bureau of Sewers, and all related matters.

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Chairperson  
Rachel Tomas Morgan, Vice-Chairperson  
Dr. Oliver Davis, Member  
*Citizen Member*

Sheila Niezgodski, Member  
Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Member  
Sharon McBride, Member  
*Citizen Member*

#### **ZONING AND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**

Oversees the activities related to the Board of Zoning Appeals, recommendations from the Area Plan Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission, as well as all related matters addressing annexation and zoning.

Dr. Oliver Davis, Chairperson  
Rachel Tomas Morgan, Vice-Chairperson  
*Citizen Member*

Troy Warner, Member  
Karen L. White, Member  
*Citizen Member*

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#### **SUB-COMMITTEE ON MINUTES**

Reviews the minutes prepared by the Office of the City Clerk of the regular, special, and informal meetings of the Common Council and makes a recommendation on their approval/modification to the Council.

Troy Warner, Member

Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Member



## **2026 COMMON COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES (Rev.01-09-2026)**

### **CANNETH LEE, 1<sup>ST</sup> District Council Member**

#### **President**

Council Rules Committee, Member

### **OPHELIA GOODEN-RODGERS, 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council Member**

**Community Relations Committee, Chairperson**

**Public Works & Property Vacation Committee, Chairperson**

Community Investment Committee, Member

PARC Committee, Member

Residential Neighborhoods Committee, Member

Utilities Committee, Member

### **SHARON L. MCBRIDE, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Council Member**

**PARC Committee, Chairperson**

Health & Public Safety Committee, Member

Information & Technology Committee, Member

Residential Neighborhoods Committee, Member

Utilities Committee, Member

### **TROY WARNER, 4<sup>TH</sup> District Council Member**

#### **Chairperson, Committee of the Whole**

**Community Investment Committee, Chairperson**

Council Rules Committee, Member

Health and Public Safety, Vice-Chairperson

PARC Committee, Member

Public Works & Property Vacation, Member

Sub-Committee on the Minutes, Member

Zoning & Annexation Committee, Member

### **SHERRY BOLDEN-SIMPSON, 5<sup>TH</sup> District Council Member**

**Utilities Committee, Chairperson**

Community Relations Committee, Member

Information & Technology, Vice-Chairperson

Community Investment Committee, Member

Residential Neighborhoods Committee, Member

Sub-Committee on Minutes, Member

### **SHEILA NIEZGODSKI, 6<sup>TH</sup> District Council Member**

#### **Vice-President**

**Personnel & Finance Committee, Chairperson**

Community Relations Committee, Member

Council Rules Committee, Member

Health & Public Safety Committee, Member

Public Works & Property Vacation, Vice-Chairperson

Utilities Committee, Member

Residential Neighborhoods Committee, Vice-Chairperson

### **DR. OLIVER DAVIS, AT LARGE Council Member**

**Zoning & Annexation Committee, Chairperson**

Health & Public Safety Committee, Member

Information & Technology Committee, Member

Personnel & Finance Committee, Member

Public Works & Property Vacation Committee, Member

Utilities Committee, Member

### **RACHEL TOMAS MORGAN, AT LARGE Council Member**

**Health & Public Safety Committee, Chairperson**

Personnel & Finance Committee, Member

**Information & Technology Committee, Chairperson**

Residential Neighborhoods, Member

Utilities, Vice-Chairperson

Zoning & Annexation Committee, Vice-Chairperson

### **KAREN L. WHITE, AT LARGE Council Member**

**Residential Neighborhoods Committee, Chairperson**

Community Relations Committee, Vice-Chairperson

Community Investment Committee, Vice-Chairperson

PARC Committee, Vice-Chairperson

Personnel & Finance Committee, Vice-Chairperson

Zoning & Annexation Committee, Member