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RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS

MAY 26, 2026, 5:15 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Sharon McBride*, Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers, Sherry Bolden-Simpson, Angela Smith, Jessie Whittaker, Sheila Niezgodski, Karen L. White

Committee Members Absent:

None

Other Council Present:

Dr. Oliver Davis, Dr. Heidi Beidinger, Rachel Tomas Morgan, Canneth Lee

Others Present:

Bianca L. Tirado, Matthew Neal, Jasmine Jackson, Veronica Pitt-Payne, Bob Palmer

Presenters:

Canneth Lee

Agenda:

Bill No. 26-15 - Resolution Acknowledging the Completion of the Final Report of the South Bend Reparatory Justice Commission and Inviting the Commission to Make a Formal Presentation to the Common Council in an Upcoming Meeting

Members marked with an asterisk (*) are in virtual attendance.

Please note the attached link for the meeting recording:

<https://docs.southbendin.gov/WebLink/browse.aspx?dbid=0,0,0,0,0&mediaid=409016>

Committee Chair Karen L. White called to order the Residential Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 5:20 P.M. She asked Council Attorney Bob Palmer to share opening comments.

Attorney Palmer stated that the resolution before the committee today strictly pertains to scheduling a presentation of the Reparatory Justice Commission's final report. He said the bill does not pertain to the contents of the report, and asked members of the public to limit their comments within the scope of this resolution.

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Council President Canneth Lee, Petitioner, 1929 North Huey Street, South Bend, IN 46628, presented the bill. He said the Reparatory Justice Commission was formed by a resolution passed by the Council in 2023. He said the current bill acknowledges the completion of their final report, and the Commission will present their findings to Council under the Special Business portion of the June 8, 2026 Common Council meeting.

Committee Chair White held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Committee Member Sharon McBride expressed excitement for the upcoming presentation.

Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson expressed gratitude for the Commission's hard work, adding that she gave input at some of the Commission's community engagement meetings.

Committee Member Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers asked about the procedure for moving the bill forward.

Committee Chair White stated that a motion must be made to accept the resolution.

Committee Chair White held the public hearing, and nobody spoke.

Committee Vice Chair Sheila Niezgodski moved to send Bill No. 26-15 to the Full Council with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member McBride and carried by a vote of five (5) ayes.

Committee Chair Karen L. White – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Vice Chair Sheila Niezgodski – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Ophelia Gooden-Rodgers – <i>Aye</i>	Committee Member Sharon McBride – <i>Aye</i>
Committee Member Sherry Bolden-Simpson – <i>Aye</i>	Citizen Member Angela Smith – <i>Aye</i>
Citizen Mamber Jessie Whittaker – <i>Aye</i>	

With no further business, Committee Chair White adjourned the Residential Neighborhoods Committee meeting at 5:31 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen L. White, Committee Chair