



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Final Community Affairs, Housing, Health and Education Committee

*Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)*  
*Vice Chair Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Angela Bowens (D-1)*  
*Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)*  
*Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)*  
*Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)*

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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

1:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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**THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

### Call to Order

Chair Shanklin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair Shanklin introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

**Note: All committee members present attended virtually, except for Council President James, Committee Member Triplett and Council Member George, who attended in Chambers.**

**Present:** 7 - Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Vice Chair Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Angela Bowens (D-1)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6) and Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

### Support Staff

Kathryn Meador, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Whitney Meagher, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Olivia Bennett, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0404](#)

**Jefferson County Public Schools' Student Assignment Plans - Amanda Averette-Bush,  
School Choice**

**Attachments:** [ID 22-0404 - JCPS March 23 School Choice Presentation.pdf](#)

Robert Moore and Amanda Averette-Bush, Schools Choice, Jefferson County Public Schools, gave a presentation (see attached).

Due to lack of time, Chair Shanklin invited the presenters to come back to speak to the Committee on April 20, 2022.

## Pending Legislation

2. [O-083-22](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 35 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) TO ESTABLISH PAID LEAVE FOR LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF A CRIME OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8) and Primary Nicole George (D-21)

**Attachments:** [O-083-22 V.1 030322 Amending Chapter 35 of the LMCO RE Paid Leave to LMG Employees Who are Victims of Crime.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Triplett, seconded by Vice Chair Armstrong, that this item be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Vice Chair Chambers Armstrong
- Council Member George
- Nicole Carroll, Louisville Metro Police Department (“LMPD”)

The following was discussed:

- This Ordinance provides up to seven working days of paid leave for government employees who are victims of a crime or domestic violence -- examples were provided
- This benefit requires documentation of the underlying crime to be provided as well as what the paid leave was used for -- examples were provided
- The LMPD Victim Services Unit supports crime victims and witnesses by helping to navigate the criminal justice system and by responding to the victim's emotional, physical, mental, and financial needs
- The LMPD Victim Services Unit provides services used to help victims and witnesses cope with the after-math of trauma -- this includes a team of 15 victim service professionals as well as a therapy dog to expand the services of the Unit and victims within the community -- examples of the services provided were given
- These services are provided and available to victims outside of system based

advocacy

- Questions were asked regarding whether victims going through the court process were unable to complete the process or utilize all services at the victims disposal due to not being able to get the time off of work -- many victims do not have paid time off and this becomes a barrier for victims to have to choose between participating in services beneficial to them and making money to pay their bills
- Questions were asked regarding whether offering paid leave to victims of crime would increase the amount of prosecutions related to crime -- this will serve as a supportive tool to help alleviate some of the stresses associated with the criminal justice process for victims

A motion was made by Vice Chair Chambers Armstrong, seconded by Committee Member Triplett, that this Resolution be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote and the Ordinance was tabled until the next meeting on April 20, 2022.

3. [R-053-22](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF UKRAINE AS THEY DEFEND AGAINST RUSSIA'S MASSIVE MILITARY ATTACK ON THEIR NATION.**

**Sponsors:** Primary David James (D-6), Primary Markus Winkler (D-17), Additional Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Additional Scott Reed (R-16), Additional Mark H. Fox (D-13), Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3) and Additional Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

**Attachments:** [R-053-22 V.1 031722 Support of The Leaders and People of Ukraine.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Triplett, seconded by Chair Shanklin, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Wanda Mitchell-Smith, Mayor's Office
- Chair Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- This Resolution is done in a collaborative effort with Metro Council in support of Ukraine due to the current war Ukrainians are facing
- Chair Shanklin asked to be added as a co-sponsor to this Resolution

Due to lack of a quorum, this Resolution was forwarded to Metro Council without a recommendation and the Resolution was sent to Old Business.

4. [R-059-22](#)

**A RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND WELTON LANE SR. BY DEDICATING THE CORNERS OF 4TH STREET AND LEE STREET AND 4TH STREET AND GAULBERT AVENUE AS “REV. WELTON LANE SR. WAY” IN HIS HONOR.**

**Sponsors:** Primary David James (D-6)

**Attachments:** [R-059-22 V.1 031722 Honorary Street Signs for Rev. Welton Lane Sr.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Parker, seconded by Committee Member Triplett, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

Shalanna Taylor, Legislative Aide for District 6, read the Resolution into the record.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Shanklin adjourned the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on April 14, 2022.