

Committee of the Whole
Minutes of the Meeting
Monday – April 6, 2026

1. Vice-President LeBlanc called the meeting to Order at 8:00pm in the City Council Chamber.
2. Vice-President LeBlanc requested that a roll call be taken to record the attendance for the meeting. The COW Clerk called the roll – Councillors Bradley-MacArthur, Brasco, Dunn, Durkee, Hanley, Harris, Katz, King, President Logan, McLaughlin, Tzioumis, Vidal and Vice-President LeBlanc were all present in-person. Councillors LaCava and LaFauci were absent.
3. President Logan moved to approve the minutes of the COW meeting held on March 16, 2026. The motion was adopted on a voice vote and the minutes of the COW meeting on March 16, 2026 were approved.
4. Councillor Katz moved to take the matter of the School Superintendent (6/4/2024) from the table. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Councillor Katz moved to hear from Superintendent Dr. Marisa Mendonsa. The motion was adopted on a voice vote. Consistent with his request, Councillor Katz asked Dr. Mendonsa to provide a brief update on the status of the School Department. Dr. Mendonsa spoke of several activities that recently happened and/or are currently ongoing. Councillor Katz asked about the WHS principal and why he is leaving at the end of the school year. Dr. Mendonsa stated she could not discuss personnel matters, but WHS administration is not staffed appropriately and there is a need for two additional assistant principals. Councillor Katz asked several follow up questions about student scheduling and drop-out rates. Dr. Mendonsa stated the budget and staff for the School Department is not where it should be. Councillor Hanley asked questions about the CTE program and how students are selected. Councillor Tzioumis asked several questions about what data sources are being used, transportation costs, restructuring of the administration and reutilization of the former WHS building. Councillor Katz thanked Dr. Mendonsa for attending and answering questions. Councillor Katz moved to file the matter. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.
5. Councillor Bardley-MacArthur rose to announce a meeting of the MMA being held on Friday at the LifeScience Building at the Watertown Arsenal Yard.
6. A motion by Councillor Brasco to adjourn was adopted on a voice vote and VP LeBlanc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

Paul G. Centofanti – Clerk to the Committee of the Whole