



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Community Justice Council

*Consider:*

*Who benefits? Who is burdened?*

*Who does not have a voice at the table?*

*How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Thursday, January 22, 2026

12:15 PM

Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at the City County  
Building in Room 351; attend virtually via Zoom.

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**Advisory members present:** Jay Laufenberg, Todd Meurer, Peter Middleton, Brent Plisch, Sabrina Madison, Heidi Wegleitner.

**Absent:** Angela Kamoske (For Chief Patterson)

**Present** 7 - KALVIN BARRETT, JOHN HYLAND, ISMAEL OZANNE, MYRA MCNAIR,  
MELISSA AGARD, JOHN JAY MILLER, and PATRICK MILES

**Excused** 3 - JEFF OKAZAKI, JEROME DILLARD, and RICHELLE ANDRAE

#### A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Hyland at 12:20 PM.

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025  
MIN-495](#)

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2025 COMMUNITY JUSTICE  
COUNCIL MEETING

#### C. Action Items

Potential motion to accept the final Strategic Plan for Dane County Community  
Justice Council

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by AGARD, to accept the final  
Strategic Plan for the Community Justice Council. The motion passed on a  
voice vote.

1. [2025  
PRES-231](#)

DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL  
STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2026-2028

**Attachments:** [Dane County CJC Strategic Plan December 2025 \(002\)](#)

#### D. Presentations

**WRTP/BIG STEP—Employment training presentation**

- 1. [2025 PRES-237](#) DANE COUNTY PAVE YOUR PATH PROGRAM UPDATE 2025

**Attachments:** [PaveYourPath ppt 2025 FINAL 1.21.2026](#)

A presentation by WRTP on the Pave Your Path program, which provides pre-apprenticeship training for Dane County residents who are in jail and/or have been arrested in the past.

Discussion ensued regarding:

Connections with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections

Housing and other barriers to success

The relationship with the Dane County Jail, and changes that may occur when the new jail space opens

The possibility of working with municipal courts

- 2. [2025 PRES-226](#) COMMUNITY JUSTICE COUNCIL YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

**Attachments:** [2025 CJC YEAR IN REVIEW -1](#)

Clark Bernhardt reviews the annual report and notes progress.

**3. Community Justice Council Subcommittees: New Members and Reporting**

Chair Hyland has received nominations for community member seats on the Community Justice Council subcommittees. The new members should be announced before the next Community Justice Council meeting.

Subcommittee chairs are expected to present reports on their subcommittee's activities to the Community Justice Council biannually, beginning with the next meeting.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL BEHAVIOR HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

- [2025 RPT-643](#) CRIMINAL JUSTICE COUNCIL BEHAVIOR HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

**Attachments:** [Final Draft - CJC BHQuarterly Report 2020 Q4](#)

**E. Reports to Committee**

None

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

The next meeting is February 26, 2026 at 12:15 in hybrid format. The Office of Justice Reform is part of a housing partnership that may present at the February meeting.

**G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

None

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

Discussion regarding the need for a regional strategy to address behavioral health, criminal justice, and homelessness.

**I. Adjourn**

A motion was made by OZANNE, seconded by AGARD, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:19 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Tamarine Cornelius, pending Council approval.