



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Youth Commission

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid meeting: Attend in person
in Room 354 of the City County
Building and virtually via Zoom.

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The February 19, 2025 Youth Commission meeting will be conducted in hybrid fashion. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person in Room 354 of the City County Building.

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In person registrations to provide public comment will be accepted throughout the meeting.

VIRTUAL: Any members of the public wishing to register to speak on/support/oppose an agenda item **MUST REGISTER USING THE LINK ABOVE** (even if you plan to attend using your phone). Virtual registrations to provide public comment will be accepted until 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting.

In order to testify (provide public comment) virtually, you must be in attendance at the meeting via Zoom or phone, you will then either be unmuted or promoted to a panelist and provided time to speak to the body.

If you want to submit a written comment for this meeting, or send handouts for board members, please send them to: meinen.megan@countyofdane.com

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Megan Meinen

Chair Vella called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

- Present** 5 - MEGHAN BENSON, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, and ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA
- Absent** 4 - Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, and VISHNU KATA

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-440](#) MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2025

Attachments: [2025 0115 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by **BENEDICT**, seconded by **FRIES**, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

C. Presentations

1. By Youth For Youth Funding Proposal

Program Director Taylor Seale presented on BYFY grants, touching on the process of grant-making, the youth who are involved and the programs selected to fund.

D. Action Items

1. By Youth For Youth Funding Proposal

A motion was made by **BENSON**, seconded by **FRIES**, to approve the funding of grants for By Youth For Youth. The motion carried by a voice vote (5-0).

Attendance Update

Tubbs joined the meeting.

Present 6 - MEGHAN BENSON, CHELSEY TUBBS, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, and ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA

Absent 3 - Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, and VISHNU KATA

E. Discussion Items

1. West High School Civics Club Voting Initiative

The Civics Club is partnering with the Dane County League of Women Voters in an attempt to garner statewide support from the organization for advocating for a constitutional amendment that would lower the voting age to 16 in Wisconsin school board elections

The Civics Club also plans to seek resolutions of support from the Madison Metropolitan School Board and the Madison Common Council as well as school boards around Dane County.

The Civics Club representative said she would work with a Supervisor to draft a resolution of support to present to the Dane County Board of Supervisors.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The Youth Commission will not conduct a meeting in March, but members plan to attend a presentation at the By Youth For Youth meeting on March 17 at 5 p.m. A quorum of the Youth Commission may exist, but it will not conduct business.

Among the topics forecasted to be included in the April agenda are the topics of gun and school safety and an update from Supervisor Fries about a resolution of support for the Madison West Civics Club's voting initiative.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by BENEDICT, seconded by BENSON, that the Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote (6-0) and the Meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen pending Commission approval.