



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, June 18, 2025

5:30 PM

Hybrid meeting: Attend in person
in Room 354 of the City County
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The public can attend in person in Room 354 of the City County Building.

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

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Bonnie Erickson

Chair Vella called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present 8 - MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, VISHNU KATA, and KORBY WHITE

Absent 3 - CHELSEY TUBBS, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, and Supervisor DAVID PETERSON

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-126](#)

MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2025

Attachments: [2025 0521 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BENEDICT, seconded by WHITE, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried on a voice vote 8-0.

C. Action Items**1. Election of Chair**

Chair Vella called for nominations for Youth Commission Chair. Benedict nominated Kata. Vella called two more times for nominations and there were none.

A motion was made by FRIES, seconded by BENSON, that Kata be elected as Chair of the Youth Commission. The motion carried by a voice vote 8-0.

Attendance Update

Tubbs joined the meeting.

Present 9 - MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, VISHNU KATA, and KORBY WHITE

Absent 2 - EMILY MASCIOPINTO, and Supervisor DAVID PETERSON

D. Discussion Items**1. Election of Vice Chair Scheduled for Next Meeting****2. Review of Guns and School Safety Discussion From May Meeting**

The Youth Commission plans to look in more detail at the data gathered on guns and school safety on the Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA.)

Benson will review DCYA data across demographic groups and will share this out in the next meeting.

Megan Meinen will send out the full DCYA survey to Youth Commission members to review.

The Commission wishes to look into ways to partner with organizations doing work in this area such as Focused Interruption, Public Health Violence Prevention group, allies with BIPOC youth, Alderman Glenn, etc. There was discussion of partnering with law enforcement, including Captain Shannon Blackamore of the Madison Police Department.

The group reviewed school survey climate results from Waunakee High School.

The Youth Commission will consider ways to disseminate DCYA results in the community, such as joining with another summit or planning a DCYA event like Voice of Our Youth in 2018. The group discussed communication needs around planning an event.

3. Dane County Staffing

Erickson will now serve as the Dane County Department of Human Services' liaison to the Youth Commission.

4. Next Meeting: August? Agenda Items?

A presentation to the Health & Human Needs Committee has been postponed until November 13th at 5:30pm. The Youth Commission will discuss what will be presented at this meeting and by whom. HHN received an overview of 2024 DCYA data previously.

A survey will be distributed to Youth Commission members to gauge availability to help determine the best day and time for meetings.

E. Reports to Committee

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the City County Building and via Zoom.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

The Youth Commission plans to provide special recognition for Megan Meinen during the August meeting as she ends her time as Dane County Department of Human Services staff liaison to the body.

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by BENEDICT, seconded by BENSON, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Erickson pending Commission approval.