



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, May 21, 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@countyofdane.com

A. Call To Order

Staff present: Megan Meinen

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

Present 8 - MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, and VISHNU KATA

Absent 3 - Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor DAVID PETERSON, and KORBY WHITE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2024](#)
[MIN-613](#)

MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 19, 2025

Attachments: [2025 0219 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BENSON, seconded by KATA, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote 8-0.

C. Action Items

None.

D. Discussion Items

1. West High School Civics Club Voting Initiative Update (Fries)

The resolution was presented to the Executive Committee of the Dane County Board of Supervisors. The Committee had some suggestions to make the resolution broader for the support of youth participation in voting including adequate polling stations on college campuses, looking in to the 30-day residency requirement, and enfranchising 16 and 17 year olds to vote in all elections. Supervisor Fries is tweaking the language to include these things and to call for a legislative council to officially look into them. The revised resolution will be reviewed again by the Executive Committee on June 26 and then will be presented to the full County Board that same day.

2. Duties and Expectations of the Chair (Election in June)

Chair Vella plans to resign. An election for a new Chair will be conducted during the June meeting.

3. How to Move Forward on 2025 Priority Areas of Guns and School Safety

The Youth Commission will begin looking in more detail at the data gathered on guns and school safety in the Dane County Youth Assessment (DCYA.)

The body will also talk to young people about other elements of school safety and possibly recommend some questions around the topic for the 2027 DCYA.

The Youth commission is looking into getting copies of school climate surveys to see what information they can provide about feelings of safety in schools.

The Youth Commission also wants to look into ways to partner with organizations doing work in this area such as Focus Intervention and the Public Health Violence Prevention group.

E. Reports to Committee

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

The Madison Metropolitan School District sent a youth delegation to the National Youth Summit. MMSD is also updating its Wellness Policy and recently held a Youth Restorative Justice Summit. The student senate also put together the first Youth Mental Health Summit, with the goal of making it an annual event. The Youth Commission would like to look into how to support that initiative.

Attendance Update

Supervisor Fries departed the meeting.

Present 7 - MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, and VISHNU KATA

Absent 4 - Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, Supervisor DAVID PETERSON, and KORBY WHITE

I. Adjournment

A motion was made by BENEDICT, seconded by TUBBS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 7-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen pending Commission approval.