



# 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?*

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Wednesday, November 20, 2024

5:30 PM

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

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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](mailto:meinen.megan@danecounty.gov)

**A. Call To Order**

*Others present: Brian Koenig, Megan Meinen.*

**Chair Vella called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.**

**Present** 7 - MEGHAN BENSON, Vice Chair ASHLEY PLETZER, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Chair PRAGNYA VELLA, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, and VISHNU KATA

**Absent** 3 - CHELSEY TUBBS, EMILY MASCIOPINTO, and REGINA FULLER-WHITE

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2024](#) MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2024  
[MIN-314](#)

**Attachments:** [2024 1022 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BENEDICT, seconded by FRIES, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote (7-0).

**C. Action Items**

*None.*

**Attendance Update**

*Masciopinto and Tubbs joined the meeting.*

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

**Absent** 1 - REGINA FULLER-WHITE

**D. Presentations**

1. Results of the 2024 Dane County Youth Assessment

[2024  
PRES-139](#)

**Attachments:** [2024 DCYA Presentation](#)

*Brian Koenig of K12 Associates LLC presented an overview of the results from the 2024 Dane County Youth Assessment.*

2. Madison West High School Student Initiative to Lower the Voting Age

*A student representative of the Madison West Civics Club asked for the Youth Commission's support in promoting youth participating in government. The club's goal is to educate on policy, engage in politics and to lower the voting age for school board elections in Wisconsin to 16, which would require passage of a constitutional amendment. Several Youth Commission members expressed interest in supporting this initiative. The Youth Commission will research the best way to move forward on the initiative and will discuss the options at the next meeting. Initial possibilities could include drafting a resolution for Supervisor Fries to sponsor and convening a work group.*

**E. Reports to Committee**

*None*

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the City County Building and via Zoom.

**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 9-0 and the Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen pending Commission approval.