



# 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, February 4, 2026

5:30 PM

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

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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: [erickson.bonnie@danecounty.gov](mailto:erickson.bonnie@danecounty.gov)

**A. Call To Order**

Staff present: Bonnie Erickson

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

**Present** 8 - MEGHAN BENSON, ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, Vice Chair EMILY MASCIOPINTO, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, Supervisor DAVID PETERSON, and AMY SNYDER-HEITMAN

**Absent** 3 - ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, Chair VISHNU KATA, and KORBY WHITE

**B. Consideration of Minutes**

[2025](#) MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025  
[MIN-469](#)

**Attachments:** [2025 1001 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

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

**C. Presentations**

1. By Youth For Youth Funding Proposal

[2025  
PRES-250](#)

## BYFY FUNDING SUMMARY 2026

**Attachments:** [BYFY Funding Summary 2026](#)

UW Extension Positive Youth Development Educator Taylor Seale provided the presentation.

### Attendance Update

Chair Kata joined the meeting.

- Present** 9 - MEGHAN BENSON, ASHLEY PLETZER, CHELSEY TUBBS, Vice Chair EMILY MASCIOPINTO, CHRISTINE BENEDICT, Supervisor HENRY FRIES, Chair VISHNU KATA, Supervisor DAVID PETERSON, and AMY SNYDER-HEITMAN
- Absent** 2 - ISABEL CHIRIBOGA-PINEDA, and KORBY WHITE

### D. Action Items

#### 1. By Youth For Youth Funding Proposal

A motion was made by BENSON, seconded by BENEDICT, to approve funding BYFY, as outlined in the proposal. The motion carried by a voice vote of 9-0.

### E. Discussion Items

#### 1. Updated DCYA Data Across Demographic Groups Related to Guns and School Safety (Benson)

[2025  
DISC-029](#)

## DCYA 2024 GUN ACCESS DATA

**Attachments:** [DCYA 2024 Gun Access Data](#)

Benson provided new data related to access to guns in urban, suburban and rural areas.

#### 2. 2027 Dane County Youth Assessment Survey Development Workgroup

The Survey Development Workgroup meets monthly March through August and reviews each survey question to develop the 2027 survey

Interest in dissemination of DCYA data via webinars on topics of interest to Youth Commission, partnerships with summits, conferences and/or events, discussion groups, town hall style meetings

**F. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at the City County Building and Via Zoom

Optional: BYFY Funding Presentations on Monday, March 16th 6 - 7:30pm

**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 PETERSON, seconded by PLETZER, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote 9-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.**

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