

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

The County Executive has appointed the following persons to the designated commissions, committees and boards. These appointments require confirmation by the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the appointments set forth below are confirmed.

Area Agency on Aging

Edward Wreh, 6139 Meadowsweet Trail, McFarland, WI (704-975-5741, edward.wreh@nordicglobal.com) to be appointed to a vacant position. Edward works as a Senior Analyst for Nordic Global. He was referred to AAA by Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff. He is currently a trustee for the Village of McFarland where he has served on the Senior Outreach, DEI, Sustainability and Natural Resources, Public Safety, Public Works and Utility and Personnel committees. Edward is also a Senior Consultant for a global healthcare IT company where he is leading health equity and population health initiatives for several of the largest health systems in the nation. This term will expire 04/18/2026.

Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Sharyl Kato, 206 Winnequah Rd, Madison, WI to be reappointed. This term will expire 6/30/20.

Heather Crowley, 1202 Northport Dr, Madison, WI to be reappointed. This term will expire 6/30/20.

DaneCom Governing Board

Charles Tubbs, Director of Emergency Management for Dane County (608-267-1591, tubbs.charles@countyofdane.com) to be appointed. This term will expire 08/30/26.

Lakes and Watershed Commission

Chin Wu, 726 Hidden Cave Rd, Madison (608-504-1398) to be reappointed. This term will expire 04/21/26.

Supervisor Michael Engelberger, 1101 Giles Street, Stoughton (608-444-5990) to be appointed to replace Supervisor Dave Ripp. This term will expire 04/21/24.

Tree Board

Cathy Brodbeck, 517 High St, Dane, WI (608-697-0907, cbrodbeck304@gmail.com) to be appointed to a vacant position. Cathy is a retired utility forestry supervisor, and long-time active volunteer in state and local tree and parks related initiatives, boards and committees. She currently serves on the Village of Dane's Park & Rec Committee and on the Wisconsin Arborist Association's Editorial Committee. She has over 35 years of working in partnership with non-profits, environmental groups and utilities. This term will expire 04/16/2026.

Youth Commission

Christine Benedict, 1101 Peterson Dr, Stoughton, WI (608-215-6074, christine.benedict@girlsontherun.org) to be appointed. Christine is the Executive Director of Girls on the Run of South Central Wisconsin. She was referred to the commission by Megan Meinen. In addition to her professional work as the leader of a local youth development organization, she has also served as a mentor coach with Girls on the Run for 10 years and as a Big Sister/mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters for 5 years. She has also served on a number of non-profit/volunteer boards. This term will expire 04/18/25.

52 Jeremy Thorton, 2002 Tennyson Lane, Madison, WI (608-334-3535, jmthornton@madison.k12.wi.us)
53 to be appointed to replace Luke Wolfe. Jeremy has had many positions that have helped support
54 youth engagement in Madison. For more than sixteen years, he worked for the Madison Metropolitan
55 School District. He began working at Wright Middle School as a Special Education Assistant and
56 subsequently worked at Leopold Elementary School as their Parent Liaison and at West High School
57 where he supported school-wide climate and culture as the Positive Behavior Instructional Support
58 Coach (PBIS Coach). He also served as West's Interim Athletic Director. That experience led him to
59 his lifelong dream of becoming a Head Coach at Madison East High School. He also received a
60 teaching position at East in the Special Ed department. He recently received a job as an Academic
61 Advisor for the Posse Program on the University of Wisconsin-Madison. This term will expire 04/18/25.
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63 Pragnya Vella, 221 Longview Parkway, Sun Prairie, WI (608-733-0093, pragnya.2828@gmail.com) to
64 be appointed as youth member. Pragnya is involved in Sun Prairie Youth and Families Commission
65 and serves as Student Council President. She earned 2nd place at state in Forensics (public
66 speaking). She is a Mock Trial Competitor and received 1st place at DECA districts/State. This term
67 will expire 04/18/25.