



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Public Protection & Judiciary Committee-Fines & Fees Subcommittee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

12:00 PM

Remote Meeting: Call (Toll Free) 1 877 309 2073

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A. Call To Order

Meeting called to order at 12 p.m.

Others present: C. Pabellon and S. Stavn.

Present: 12 - CATHERINE DORL, WESLEY SPARKMAN, LINDA KETCHAM, HEIDI WEGLEITNER, NICHOLAS McNAMARA, DAVID MAHONEY, CARLO ESQUEDA, ARVINA MARTIN, DOMINIQUE CHRISTIAN, SARAH DAVIS, ERICA NELSON and CAROUSEL BAYRD

Absent: 2 - ISMAEL OZANNE and JOSEPH BARING

B. Election of Officers

1. Chair

Supervisor Bayrd was nominated by Linda Ketcham as Chair. Supervisor Weigleitner seconded the nomination. No other nominations. The committee voted to name Supervisor Bayrd as chair of the Fines and Fees Subcommittee.

2. Vice Chair

Supervisor Weigleitner nominated Linda Ketcham as Vice Chair. Supervisor Bayrd seconded the nomination. No other nominations. The committee voted to name Linda Ketcham as Vice Chair of the Fines and Fees Subcommittee.

C. Charge of Committee

1. [2020 RPT-253](#) RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING FINES & FEES SUBCOMMITTEE

Attachments: [2019 RES-507](#)

[Report: The Steep Costs of Criminal Justice Fees and Fines](#)

Supervisor Bayrd proposed how the charge of the committee will be fulfilled. Supervisor Bayrd explained how the committee will interact with the various departments and entities who will appear before it. Supervisor Bayrd listed the questions to ask: (1) What is the fine and fee? (2) How is the fine/fee is assessed? Is there discretion? (3) Do we have control over this? (4) Who is impacted? Racial and gender breakdown of who is being assessed these fines and fees?; (5) What is the impact of nonpayment? Are there future services that are inaccessible? (6) What is the budget/fiscal impact, and can we reduce or eliminate it? Committee members proposed additional questions and suggested follow up inquiries.

D. Administrative Matters Regarding Per Diems

Pabellon explained the process that members would need to follow in order to be paid per diems.

E. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Supervisor Bayrd asked whether a standing meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. would work for the members. The next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

Director Tessman was invited to present to the committee at this time.

F. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

The committee adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

A motion was made by MAHONEY, seconded by KETCHAM, that the be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote: 12-0

Ayes: 12 - DORL, SPARKMAN, KETCHAM, WEGLEITNER, McNAMARA, MAHONEY, ESQUEDA, MARTIN, CHRISTIAN, DAVIS, NELSON and BAYRD

Absent: 2 - OZANNE and BARING

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie A. Stavn