



# 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, May 19, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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#### A. Call To Order

*Staff present: Megan Meinen*

**Chair Benson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present** 6 - KEMA WILLIAMS, Chair MEGHAN BENSON, ANDREW MCKINNEY, Supervisor  
ELENA HAASL, Supervisor ALEX JOERS, and ARVAN AHUJA

**Absent** 3 - KHADDY JARJOU, SHRIYA KATA, and MARCIA MORALES

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2021](#)  
[MIN-014](#)

MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2021

**Attachments:** [2021\\_0317 Youth Commission Minutes](#)

A motion was made by MCKINNEY, seconded by HAASL, to approve the minutes.  
The motion carried by a voice vote 6-0.

#### C. Action Items

*None.*

#### D. Presentations

##### 1. Key Results from Dane County Youth Assessment

*Brian Koenig from K12 Associated presented some initial data from high school students who took the Dane County Youth Assessment. Students from 20 school districts in and around Dane County participated. A summary report will be available this summer.*

## 2. Youth Listening Sessions Discussion

*In 2018, prior to the pandemic, the Youth Commission did in-person listening sessions at several youth centers around Dane County. The idea behind these listening sessions was that we could get qualitative data to compliment the quantitative data we get from the Dane County Youth Assessment.*

*The Commission re-visited the notes from these visits, highlighting common themes we want to consider to mention in our presentation to the Health and Human Needs Committee. Some common themes mentioned were: youth centers being places that create a safe space, especially for BIPOC youth, with trusted adults and culturally responsive programming.*

## 3. Health & Human Needs Committee Presentation Discussion

*Chairperson Benson will lead a presentation on the Dane County Youth Commission to the Dane County Board's Health and Human Needs Committee on June 10th. The presentation will be mostly about what the Commission does, when results from the Youth Assessment will be available, and perhaps some key takeaways from the youth listening sessions described above.*

## E. Reports to Committee

### 1. Changes in Youth Commissioners

*Fearing, Stampfli, and Morales have resigned. Kata will be resigning in August. In a future meeting the Commission will discuss how to be more strategic and equitable in trying to fill vacancies.*

## F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*The Commission discussed our summer meeting schedule. We will meet on June 30th, and at that meeting we will decide if we think an August meeting is necessary. We will not meet in July.*

## G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

*None.*

## H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

*None.*

## I. Adjournment

**The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Megan Meinen.*