



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### Youth Commission

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Thursday, March 1, 2018

5:30 PM

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#### A. Call To Order

- Present** 5 - MATT VELDRAN, Chair MEGHAN BENSON, NICK ZWEIFEL, Vice Chair  
BRIDGET MANIACI, and KEMA WILLIAMS
- Absent** 4 - BARBARA DAVIS, ARAM DONABEDIAN, FRANCESCA MASCIOPINTO, and  
KELLY DANNER

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2017](#) 2018\_0104 Youth Commission Minutes  
[MIN-483](#)

**Attachments:** [2018\\_0104 YC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by MANIACI, seconded by ZWEIFEL, that the Minutes be  
approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, MANIACI and WILLIAMS

**Absent:** 4 - DAVIS, DONABEDIAN, MASCIOPINTO and DANNER

#### C. Action Items

#### D. Presentations

#### E. Reports to Committee

## 1. Update on daneyouth.org web site

*Revisions were made by Commissioner Danner and submitted to Dane County tech support. The site is under construction. Commission reviewed the mock site developed by Danner and requested clarification to resources offered through UW Health for alcohol and drug abuse. Commission requested that guidelines for inclusion be developed in anticipation of other resources wanting to be listed. Historically, inclusion on the Youth Resource Card was based on emergent/critical need and accessibility, followed by whether the resource was funded by Dane County. Guidelines will be drafted and reviewed at the April meeting. Several universal resource search engines are now available including the MOST Program Finder and United Way 211. Suggestion to add a Google quick escape button and youth suggestion box to include other resources youth need, but are not listed. These features will be added later. Site can be translated to Spanish or other language via Google search engine. Commission determined the Youth Card needn't be translated, but the posters should be translated to Spanish as the next step.*

## 2. Discuss County Executive's call to action on gun violence and YC position on this issue: <https://exec.countyofdane.com/endgunviolence>

*Commission is in agreement with the Executive's call to action and voiced support for the upcoming student walk-out to promote safe schools and gun laws scheduled for March 14 nationwide. Commission discussed hosting a youth forum during a special session to allow youth a chance to voice their opinion on the public record. This may or may not include a panel of city, school and county officials to listen. Commissioners will do some preliminary inquiries with youth groups on interest and see to what level youth participate on the 14th. Potential timeframe is April or into May, but before school ends in June. Discussed submitting a short editorial piece supporting youth voice through marching as a Commission.*

**A motion was made by ZWEIFEL, seconded by VELDRAN, to put forward a statement by the Youth Commission to the Wisconsin State Journal and other publications supporting youth voice through the walkout effort. Further discussion to include all Commissioners by name. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 5 - VELDRAN, BENSON, ZWEIFEL, MANIACI and WILLIAMS

**Absent:** 4 - DAVIS, DONABEDIAN, MASCIOPINTO and DANNER

## 3. Discuss other active social issues and YC positions

### F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

*Next meeting: April 12 2018 at 5:30 to hear BYFY recommendations.*

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

**H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

*Update on Youth Assessment administration as provided by project vendor K12 Associates. All the schools are done except Middleton HS and Mt. Horeb HS who are finishing in the next two weeks—so 90% complete. Maniaci inquired about issue of students losing connection during the survey. Clarified, per K12 Associates, that only parts of surveys were lost, not full surveys. So, if a student lost connection after completing 60% of the survey, what was completed is in the data set. One district may need to have their data weighted though over 75% of their students took and completed the survey. The assessment from the K12 in consultation with the survey platform provider is that the blackouts are related to cookies/cached junk, drain on WiFi between cell phones and notebooks all competing for WiFi (in the past districts used computers in labs connected directly to the internet via networks), and more than one notebook using the same IP address causing confusion. Despite these challenges, over 22,000 students have been surveyed. Data will be compiled by April when the DCYA committee reconvenes to begin discussing reports.*

**I. Adjourn**

*7:00 p.m.*

*Recorded by Connie Bettin 242-6422 (WI Relay 711)*