



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Executive Committee

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Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

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Thursday, October 16, 2025

4:30 PM ****2026 BUDGET MEETING**** Hybrid meeting; attend in person at the City County Building, Room 354; attend virtually via zoom.

See below for additional instructions on how to attend the meeting and provide public testimony.

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The October 16, 2025, Executive Committee BUDGET meeting will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public can either attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

The public can attend in person at City-County Building room 354, 201 Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Madison.

The public can access the meeting virtually with the Zoom application or by telephone.

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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 written comments or other materials for this meeting, please email them to: MacKinnon.Lisa@danecounty.gov. Staff will forward the email and materials to members of the committee.

A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.. Also present, Wesley Sparkman (OEI), Scott McDonnell (County Clerk), Cecely Castillo (Co Bd Office), Carrie Springer (Executive's Office), Sup. Furman, Lisa MacKinnon.

There were no registrants to speak or taking a position on any item.

Present: 7 - PATRICK MILES, ANTHONY GRAY, MICHAEL ENGELBERGER, KIERSTIN HUELSEMAN, DON POSTLER, CHAD KEMP and STEVEN PETERS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-323](#)

MINUTES OF THE 9-18-25 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-323](#)

[REGISTRATION REPORT EXEC COMM 9-18-25 Final](#)

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Fund Transfers

NONE

D. Budget Discussion and Amendments

There were no operating or capital budget amendments before the committee and therefore no committee action was taken on amendments.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS BY DEPARTMENTS

- Dane County Executive's Office
- Dane County Clerk's Office
- Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion
- Office of the County Board

Representatives of the Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion, County Clerk, and the County Board Office spoke briefly and each indicated that there were no changes to their departments' budget requests in the Executive's budget proposal.

Mr. Sparkman spoke about the importance and value of the budget process the county is going through, recognizing that local governments are doing the critical work to ensure justice and democracy across the country right now.

1. [2025](#)
[ACT-176](#) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2026 OPERATING BUDGET
2. [2025](#)
[ACT-177](#) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

1. [2025 OA-008](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING FILLING SUPERVISORY VACANCIES

Sponsors: FRIES, ENGELBERGER and MILES

Attachments: [2025 OA-008](#)
[Sub. No. 1 to 2025 OA-08](#)

Discussion ensued among committee members regarding criticisms of this OA. Chair Miles and several committee members pointed out that the OA is consistent with state statutes and is partly intended to avoid disenfranchising the student population due to irregularly scheduled special elections. In addition, Chair Miles pointed out that when there is a vacant seat and there is a call for candidates who wish to be considered for appointment, they must not only collect signatures in the district to submit their candidacy for appointment, but a candidate hearing is also held in the district with the vacant seat.

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER that the Ordinance be Sub. 1 to the ordinance amendment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote.

2. [2025 OA-014](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 7 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Sponsors: FURMAN, BLAZEWICZ and ROSE

Attachments: [2025 OA-014](#)

Supervisor Furman indicated that he spoke with the Department of Administration regarding this OA and they indicated a preference to move this issue from Chapter 7 to Chapter 25 of the county ordinances in order to avoid confusion. He recommended indefinite postponement in committee, which permanently prevents the item from moving forward to county board action.

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER that the ordinance be postponed indefinitely in committee. The motion carried by a voice vote.

3. [2025 OA-017](#) AMENDING CHAPTER 25 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
REGARDING CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Sponsors: FURMAN, BLAZEWICZ and ROSE

Attachments: [2025 OA-017](#)

Sup. Huelsemann moved to amend the OA to allow for a 72-hour notice period to accommodate possible translation or interpretation needs. Committee members indicated that the majority of contract amendments are small technical additions and also they have a concern that the extra time would delay contracts getting before the board in time for required action, especially in months where there is only one board meeting scheduled.

A motion was made by HUELSEMANN that the Ordinance be amended to change the numeral in Line 23 from "24" to "72." The motion to amend FAILED.

Ayes: 1 - Supervisor HUELSEMANN

Noes: 6 - Chair MILES, Supervisor GRAY, Supervisor ENGELBERGER, Supervisor POSTLER, Vice Chair KEMP and Supervisor PETERS

A motion was made by ENGELBERGER that the ordinance be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a voice vote, with HUELSEMANN voting NO.

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

NONE

G. Presentations

NONE

H. Reports to Committee

NONE

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The second and final budget meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in CCB room 354. The committee will also take up regular committee business (referrals) at that meeting.

J. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

NONE

K. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

L. Adjourn

A motion was made by PETERS that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

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