



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Dane County Broadband Task Force

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

9:00 AM This is a Hybrid Meeting: Attend in person at City-County
Building, Room 354, 210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd;
Attend virtually via Zoom.

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

A. Call To Order

Others present: Jaron McCallum, Josh Schroeder, Ruben Anthony

Chair Glazer called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Present 9 - RENEE LAUBER, BOB WIPPERFURTH, JEFF GLAZER, SARAH EDGERTON,
DON POSTLER, RANDY UDELL, JOHN VAN OUYEN, ADAM RASCHKA, and
TODD VIOLANTE

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2025](#)
[MIN-089](#)

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 2, 2025 DANE COUNTY BROADBAND TASK
FORCE MEETING

Attachments: [2025 MIN-089](#)

A motion was made by POSTLER, seconded by UDELL, that the Minutes be
approved as amended. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

D. Presentations

1. Urban League of Greater Madison Presentation on Spectrum Digital Education Grant

Presented by Dr. Ruben Anthony, President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Madison

Dr Anthony discussed integrating technology within the ULGM programs, access to computer, and skill building.

Urban League of Greater Madison has received four Spectrum digital education grants totaling \$110,000 over the past 5 years.

These grant funds have been used to provide the following digital skill development within the ULGM adult employment program curriculum.

- Online job searching
- Resumes and cover letter building
- Professional collaborative tools like Office 365, Google Apps, etc.
- Virtual interviewing skills
- Using AI in the job search

The grant funds have also been used to implement virtual Expungement Clinics during the COVID pandemic.

Dr Anthony continued to discuss the impacts of the Spectrum SDE Grants.

Discussion ensued with Task Force members asking Dr Anthony questions related to the ULGM, ULGM programs, and the Spectrum Digital Equity Grant.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Broadband Coordinator Updates

Presented by Jaron McCallum

Round 2 of the Broadband, Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program recently concluded, running from May 8 to May 29. This round was intended for areas without preliminary winners from Round 1, for new applicants, or where there were competing applicants in the same area with no clear winner.

In Dane County, no new applications were submitted during Round 2. This likely indicates that there is either a preliminary winner already identified or that there are competing applicants still under consideration-both of which would be fiber-based proposals. The NTIA (National Telecommunications and Information Administration) has granted a 90-day extension to the states and territories participating in the BEAD program. This extension pushes the program's deadline to **October 26, 2025**, allowing the federal government additional time to implement potential changes to the program.

In response to ongoing delays, **Governor Evers**, **Representative Ratcliff**, and **Representative Udell** have sent letters to the current administration urging prompt federal action on the BEAD program to avoid further delays in distributing funding.

Discussion ensued about Wi-Fi accessibility within anchor institutions in Dane County.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The next Dane County Broadband Task Force Meeting will take place on August 6th, 2025 at 9am in a hybrid format.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

I. Adjourn

A motion was made by POSTLER that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Josh Schroeder, pending Task Force approval