



May 17, 2024

Acting Dane County Board Chair Chad Kemp
Dane County Board of Supervisors Office
Room 362, City-County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Madison, WI 553703

Dear Chair Kemp:

Dane County Executive Joe Parisi resigned from office effective May 3, 2024, creating a vacancy until a special election can be held on November 5, 2024, to fill the remaining months of that term, which expires in April 2025.

After that resignation, on May 3, 2024, I became acting County Executive under the process outlined in Wisconsin State Statute 59.17 (7) and (8)(b). Those statutes dictate that when a vacancy occurs in the Office of County Executive, the County Board chair assumes the duties and makes an appointment for an interim county executive within thirty days of the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the County Board. The appointee then serves until a successor is elected.

I am nominating Jamie Kuhn to serve as interim Dane County Executive. She is a former Dane County Board Supervisor who demonstrated exceptional leadership as Chair of the Health and Human Needs Committee during her tenure on the Board. With almost twenty years of dedicated public service, she has served the state in both the executive and legislative branches as the Director of External Relations for Governor Tony Evers and Chief of Staff to State Senator Mark Miller. Most recently, she served as the State of Wisconsin Medicaid Director at the Department of Health Services, a role that required her to be accountable for over 1,000 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$14 billion.

She has a Master's of Science in Social Work and also led the intergovernmental affairs team in Milwaukee County. Her dedication to progressive policy enactment, combined with her extensive budget experience both at the state level and in Dane County government, makes her

uniquely qualified to serve Dane County residents again on day one and ensure a smooth transition process as we head into budget season.

This appointment requires confirmation by a majority of the County Board and I am requesting that you place it on the agenda for the May 23, 2024 County Board meeting. The appointment would take effect immediately upon approval by the County Board.

Sincerely,

Acting Dane County Executive Patrick Miles

cc: Dane County Board Members