



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

UW Extension Committee

Consider:

Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

This meeting is being conducted on land now known and recognized as Dane County, Wisconsin. We acknowledge that this land is at the same time the ancestral, traditional, & contemporary land of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk & Kickapoo nations.

Monday, January 26, 2026

5:00 PM

Hybrid meeting – 5201 Fen Oak Dr. Madison, WI -
Moraine Conference Room and Zoom

A. Call To Order

Chair Yang called the meeting to order at 5pm

Present: 6 - SARAH SMITH, MICHELE DOOLAN, BRENDA YANG, JEFFREY KRONING,
MICHELE RITT and TOMMY RYLANDER

Excused: 1 - ANTHONY GRAY

YGP members present: Ria Sengelmann, Alex Yu, Soha Gandhi

Others present: Chrissy Wen, Claire Mance, Venkata Karri, Claire Strader

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None

C. Consideration of Minutes

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Motion by Kroning to approve minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Presentations

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Pop-Up Markets - Claire Mance. Claire provided an update on the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program in Dane County.

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SENIOR FARMERS MARKET NUTRITION PROGRAM

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E. Reports to Committee

YGP Report - Ria Sengemann reported that YGP will repeat the sustainability safari for 2026, and is currently researching an additional project this year.

Director Report - Chrissy Wen. Wen introduced herself to the committee as the Interim AED for Dane County. She provided an update on staffing - Noah Reif, New Community Development Educator started today. AED Hiring is screening 68 applications and expects to hold final interviews on February 20th. Separately, the VITA site started scheduling appointments on January 15th and the 3,300 available appointments are filling quickly.

Wen asked Venkata Karri, College and Career Pathways Educator, to provide a brief update on the Career Pathways program. Karri expects the program to host 7 interns in several Dane County Departments in 2026.

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F. Announcements/Discussion

Next meeting - moved to February 25th

G. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None

H. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Rylander. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Claire Strader pending committee approval.