



**City of Madison**  
**Minutes – Approved**  
**Task Force on Structure of City Government**  
**Boards, Commissions and Committees**  
**Subcommittee**

City of Madison  
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Thursday, January 10, 2019

11:30 a.m.

City-County Building, Room GR-27  
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT OR THE COMMON COUNCIL  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Meeting Called to Order at 11:30 a.m.

Present: John Rothschild, Justice Castañeda, Alder Rebecca Kemble and Eric Upchurch (by phone)

Absent: Maggie Northrop

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney John Strange and Roger Goodwin (Nominee to be member of full Task Force)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Kemble, second by Rothschild to approve minutes from December 12, 2018 meeting

Motion passed by voice vote.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Motion by Kemble, second by Rothschild, to suspend Robert's Rules to stand informally and allow for public discussion and engagement. Passed by voice vote.

- a. Grant Foster and Brenda Konkel attended the meeting and participated in discussion.

**4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

**5. DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING CONS OF CURRENT BOARDS, COMMISSION, AND COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

The subcommittee discussed the Rothschild Plan and noted the challenge of having true representation on the BCCs. The subcommittee discussed the nature of representation in general. The subcommittee also discussed challenges associated with identifying those residents who will be impacted by city decision and with then giving those individuals an opportunity to provide input. The subcommittee directed staff to include this issue as a separate discussion item on the next agenda.

**6. DISCUSSION OF SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE TO THE FULL TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE ON JANUARY 16, 2019**

The subcommittee discussed the draft Update to the Full Task Force and discussed the following edits:

- a. Adding specificity to the Staffing bullet under question 3 to read: Staffing: Uniformity and expectations, accountability, responsibilities, resource allocation, and reporting requirements.
- b. Adding two bullets related to the lack of clear authority for some BCCs and relative disparities of authority among BCCs.
- c. Editing the answer to question 4 to replace "jurisdiction" with "authority/influence" and to add the observation of the lack of defined parameters and authority among BCCs.
- d. Adding three bullets to the answer to question 5 regarding the possibility of creating an office of community representation responsible for staffing, training, minutes/reporting, and serving as a liaison with residents; the greater use of ad hoc committees; and strategies for creating better representation on BCCs.

NOTE: Motion by Kemble, second by Rothschild to approve these edits to the Draft Update to the Full Task Force. Approved by Voice vote. The Chair will make edits and send to the Office of the City Attorney.

**7. FUTURE MEETING DATES AND TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

The subcommittee noted that they wanted to further discuss issues related to representation at the January 17, 2019 subcommittee meeting.

**8. DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONCLUDING THE WORK OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE AND ISSUING A FORMAL REPORT TO THE FULL TASK FORCE ON GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE**

No discussion.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Rothschild to adjourn, seconded by Kemble. Motion passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.