



POTENTIAL UPDATES TO JCAC

FOR DISCUSSION, APRIL 2025



THE CITY OF MADISON'S BCC STREAMLINING PROJECT

A project to optimize the size and function of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees (BCC) system to better achieve City goals for:

- **Effective & Efficient Operations**
- **Strong, Accountable Committees**
- **Clarity for Residents** on the Legislative Process
- Balancing Committee Engagement with other Opportunities for **Accessible, Equitable Engagement**

COMPARING MADISON'S BCC SIZE TO OTHERS

Comparison Cities (2019 Analysis)	Range in # BCCs	Average # BCCs
Big Ten Cities (8 in analysis)	11 – 50	30
Capital + University Cities (6 in analysis)	12 - 77	35
Largest WI Cities (8 in analysis)	15 - 39	25
City of Madison at Time of Analysis (2019) -- 102 BCCs		
City of Madison – Early 2025 – 71 BCCs (56 under our purview)		

MARCH 2024 COMMON COUNCIL DIRECTION

- Took action on several committees –dissolving, combining, and making scope and membership changes
- Directed staff to look more closely at other committees, including JCAC.

The Common Council further directs City staff to explore the possibility of the following changes to the BCC system and making a recommendation back to the Common Council no later than August 31, 2025.

1) Transferring responsibilities for the Joint Campus Area Committee to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

DISCUSSIONS TO DATE

- Discussions with UW-Madison staff and JCAC Chair to date have:
 - Identified value in the City managing the committee.
 - Raised opportunity to identify ways to optimize the committee to help achieve its purpose most effectively (for discussion today)

QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION TODAY

What do you most value about this committee?

Are there opportunities to more directly focus on JCAC's charge?

Are there any parts of the charge that are not needed or should be adjusted?

Are there any changes to the composition of the committee to help meet the charge?

JCAC POWERS AND DUTIES

Per [MGO 33.32](#), the Committee shall:

- (a) Provide feedback on UW-Madison projects to the DRB established under the UW-Madison Campus Master Plan at approximately the 35% and 60% stages of the project planning/design process for projects within CI zoned areas. Other informational presentations may be made to the Committee at other stages of project development.
- (b) Identify, discuss, and summarize community-wide and neighborhood impact of UW-Madison infrastructure and development projects, city/village-initiated infrastructure and development projects, and private sector development projects inside the campus boundary and within a quarter mile of the campus boundary. When relevant, make recommendations on whether a project should be approved and/or recommend strategies to mitigate negative impacts to applicable City, Village, or UW-Madison committee(s), commission(s), or other governing bodies.
- (c) Summarize city/village, UW-Madison, and neighborhood comments concerning current and planned pedestrian networks, bicycle routes, vehicular traffic, traffic analyses, parking, and transit service, and provide those comments to relevant governmental bodies.
- (d) Review and provide comments to the appropriate City of Madison or Village of Shorewood Hills committee(s)/commission(s) on development projects, rezoning requests, and Planned Development alterations that are inside the UW-Madison Campus boundary but not covered under Campus-Institutional zoning.



Positions	Former Joint West Cmte Members	Former Joint Southeast Cmte Members	JCAC Members 2018-2023	JCAC Members 2023-present
City of Madison – Alders	3	4	3	5
City of Madison – Committee Reps	3	4	2	2
Neighborhood Reps	5	5	4	5
Village of Shorewood Hills	3	0	2	2
UW Reps	7	7	6	6
UW Hospitals & Clinics	1	0	1	1
UW ASM	1	1	1	1
Total	23	21	19	22

*City of Madison’s Average Number BCC Members per Committee = 8.8



THANK YOU!

