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## Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Friday, October 30, 2020

4:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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### SPECIAL CCEC MEETING - Aldermanic District 7 Applicant Interviews & Recommendation to Common Council Meeting Video Available Online at Madison City Channel: <https://bit.ly/2Uk5Sqx>

#### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Sheri Carter; Syed Abbas; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Rebecca Kemble;  
Paul E. Skidmore; Zachary Henak; Michael J. Tierney and Shiva Bidar

**Others Present:** Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, Ald. Keith Furman, Ald. Patrick Heck, Ald. Samba Baldeh, Ald. Grant foster, Ald. Marsha Rummel, City Attorney Michael Haas and Council Chief of Staff Kwasi Obeng, Applicants for Vacant District 7 Seat: Joe Balles, Dolph Courchaine, Anthony Gray, Mara Jarvis, Badri Lankella, Suzenne McConnell, Rahma Mohamed, Steve Schofield, Kavin Senapathy, David Sherrard and Nasra Wehelie

Ald. Sheri Carter, chair, called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

#### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Ald. Syed Abbas noted that he knew one of the candidates but did not work with him. Ald. Barbara Harrington-McKinney noted that she knew applicants that have served on city boards, committees or commissions with her. Ald. Sheri Carter noted that she knew two of the candidates. Ald. Shiva Bidar noted that she knew four of the candidates. None of the alders who disclosed that they knew candidates expressed that their knowledge of the candidates did not preclude them from the selection process or presented a conflict of interest.

#### WELCOME & OVERVIEW OF THE INTERVIEW & SELECTION PROCESS

Ald. Sheri Carter welcomed the applicants to the meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** - 10/30/20 CCEC Special Meeting  
Public Comment is permitted for up to three (3) minutes.

**Attachments:** [103020 CCEC Public Comment.pdf](#)

**Registration:**

**Carl Schroedl, PivotLibre, Neither Supported/Opposed, Available to Answer Questions on Agenda Item #7 (later re-registered to speak but was not called on)**

## FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

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### Interviews of Aldermanic District 7 Applicants

1. Joe Balles, 7130 Lindfield Road
2. Dolph Courchaine, 6810 Stratford Drive
3. Anthony Gray, 7129 Countrywood Lane
4. Mara Jarvis, 21 Lancaster Court
5. Badri Lankella, 3017 Winter Park Place
6. Suzanne McConnell, 3355 North Stone Creek Circle
7. Rahma Mohamed, 2837 Cimarron Trail
8. Steve Schofield, 2909 Tucson Trail
9. Kavin Senapathy, 6125 Jeffers Drive
10. David Sherrard, 1 Willowbrook Court
11. Nasra Wehelie, 3521 Basalt Lane

**Attachments:** [Joe Balles\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Dolph Courchaine\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Anthony Gray\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Mara Jarvis\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Badri Lankella\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Suzanne McConnell\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Rahma Mohamed\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Letters Received in Support\\_Rahma Mohamed.pdf](#)  
[Steve Schofield\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Kavin Senapathy\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[David Sherrard\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)  
[Nasra Wehelie\\_D7 Alder Vacancy.pdf](#)

**Candidates were asked three questions by Ald. Sheri Carter, chair, and given five (5) minutes to answer. Candidates were called in alphabetical order.**

## RECESS

**There was no recess called.**

### ANNOUNCE SCORING RESULTS ON FIRST ROUND OF QUESTIONS

Scoring was completed and the following top scoring three applicants moved forward to the second round of questions:

- Joe Balles
- Badri Lankella
- Nasra Wehelie

### SECOND ROUND OF QUESTIONS FOR TOP THREE (3) APPLICANTS

The three applicants were asked seven questions (six questions were scored) by the members of the Common Council Executive Committee. There was no time limit for the candidates to answer the questions.

### RECESS

Ald. Syed Abbas moved to recess the meeting, seconded by Ald. Michael Tierney. The motion passed by voice vote/other. Meeting recessed at 7:12 p.m.

Ald. Syed Abbas moved to reconvene, seconded by Ald. Michael Tierney. The CCEC reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

**Present:** 8 - Sheri Carter; Syed Abbas; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Rebecca Kemble; Paul E. Skidmore; Zachary Henak; Michael J. Tierney and Shiva Bidar

### ANNOUNCE SCORING RESULTS, CCEC REVIEW & RECOMMENDATION OF FINAL APPLICANT TO THE COMMON COUNCIL

Scoring was completed and the following applicants scored in the following order:

1. Nasra Wehelie
2. Joe Balles
3. Badri Lankella

Ald. Rebecca Kemble moved to recommend Nasra Wehelie to the Common Council at their 11/17/20 meeting to fill the vacant Aldermanic District 7 seat, seconded by Ald. Syed Abbas.

There was discussion about whether Ms. Wehelie should be seated at the 11/10/20 Common Council meeting (2021 budget deliberations). Final consensus was to recommend Ms. Wehelie at the 11/17/20 Common Council meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

CCEC members expressed their thanks to all the applicants who had applied for the seat and encouraged them to consider serving on a board, committee or commission or run for office in the spring.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ald. Barbara Harrington-McKinney, seconded by Ald. Syed Abbas, to adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.