



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

*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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Monday, September 20, 2021

1:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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**Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting.**

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**Present:** 4 - Nasra Wehelie; Grant Foster; Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Keith Furman

**Excused:** 1 - Yannette Figueroa Cole

**Others present:** Deputy Mayor Christie Baumel

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foster moved, seconded by Wehelie, to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2021, meeting of the Ad Hoc Task Force on Government Structure Final Report Implementation Work Group. The motion was approved by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [67379](#) Public Comment (9/20/21 Meeting)

No members of the public were present.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [67380](#) Committee of the Whole meeting related to size and shape of Common Council, and appointments and chair of boards, committees, and commissions

The members discussed which of the TFOGS recommendations should be presented at a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Foster and Wehelie offered to work with the Office of the City Attorney on an ordinance amendment regarding potential changes to the Common Council's Order of Business. The draft ordinance would be referred to the Common Council Executive Committee rather than go to a Committee of the Whole meeting.

#### ITEMS REFERRED

3. [67082](#) Amending Section 33.55(4) of the Madison General Ordinances to remove the option for an Alder to serve as an officer of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board.

Harrington-McKinney stated her reason for introducing the ordinance amendment was to have consistency across all City boards, committees and commissions in regards to alders serving as officers. Foster stated the reasons he believes it is not only acceptable but sometimes beneficial to have alders as officers.

Foster moved, seconded by Wehelie to return the ordinance to the lead referral (Common Council Executive Committee) with no recommendation.

Harrington-McKinney offered an amendment to the motion to include the following three options the Work Group discussed:

1. Place the proposed ordinance on file, which would permit the practice of allowing an alder to serve as an officer of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board to continue.
2. Adopt the proposed ordinance, which would end the practice of allowing an alder to serve as an officer of the Transportation Policy and Planning Board.
3. Eliminate entirely the ordinance which prohibits alders from serving as officers on City boards, committees and commissions.

The Work Group members agreed Harrington-McKinney's amendment was friendly, and the amended motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. [61664](#) Continue Discussion of TFOGS Recommendations

The members did not discuss this agenda item.

5. [66447](#) Scheduling of Future TFOGS Implementation Work Group Meetings

The Chair announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Work Group will be Monday, October 18, 2021, at 1:00pm. He suggested the following items for that meeting's agenda:

1. Update from Foster and Wehelie on their work on a draft ordinance amendment regarding changes to the Common Council's Order of Business.
2. Continue discussion of a Committee of the Whole meeting, if needed.
3. TFOGS Recommendation #16: Mayor continues to appoint residents and alders to boards, committees and commissions but the process be changed to ensure a robust review of nominees by the Common Council Executive Committee.
4. TFOGS Recommendation #18: Common Council members should not serve as chairs of boards, committees and commissions with resident members.

There were no objections from the members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Wehelie moved, seconded by Foster, to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

[61246](#) Documents related to the AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP