

Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Linda Vakunta; Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; ananda mirilli; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrdand Heidi Wegleitner

Absent: 1 - Savion J. Castro

Staff Present: Mary O'Donnell (City), Tariq Saqqaf (City)

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Bayrd to approve February 9, 2022 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [70360](#) Election of new Chair and Vice-Chair Positions

O'Donnell discussed the potential member turnover with the April 5 spring election.

Mirilli and Bayrd are not running for reelection and a new representative from MMSD Board and Dane County Board of Supervisors will need to be appointed. The Dane County Board of Supervisors, Common Council and MMSD Board will not meet between the election and the April 13 Education Committee meeting. Committee appointments are confirmed after the spring election. The appointments will likely be solidified by May 11 Education Committee meeting.

Mirilli is the current chair and Bayrd is the vice chair. Mirilli's last meeting will be April and Bayrd's last meeting is tonight. The committee discussed membership turnover and when to elect chair and vice chair positions. Mirilli will be chair for April meeting.

**Motion by Evers, seconded by Mirilli to nominate Wegleitner as vice chair.
Motion passed by voice vote.**

Mirilli will chair and Wegleitner will be vice chair for April meeting. The committee can revisit this at the April or May meetings.

3. [70361](#) Discussion of timeline for changes to current membership due to April election and discussion on Spring meeting schedule

The committee discussed potential member turnover with item #2. Member appointments should be determined by May meeting.

The committee decided to meet in April, May and June. The committee will revisit the July and August meeting with a potential break in meetings in late summer.

4. [70362](#) Discussion on advantages and challenges outlined by Chair mirilli and staff, and identification of any additional advantages or challenges

Attachments: [Ed Committee Advantages & Challenges](#)

Per the February meeting, Chair mirilli met with staff and identified the following advantages and challenges that the Ed Committee will incur if sponsorship of the Committee was changed from being a City Committee to becoming a Committee that is embedded within policy for each of the three entities.

Advantages

- Clarifies that all three entities are responsible for guiding and following-through on the work of the Committee
- Codifies the commitment to joint work and communication amongst the City of Madison, Madison Metropolitan School District, and Dane County given the turnover following elections, joint ownership of the Committee would support sustainability of Committee and its' work
- Opportunity to create a hub of communication amongst the three entities in order to align priorities, specifically around the topics identified by the Ed Committee (Transportation, Mental Health, Housing/Homelessness, and Digital Equity)
- Allows each of the entities to formally refer items to the Ed Committee for discussion, input, recommendations.

Challenges

- Logistics of managing membership, quorum, meeting notifications, and posting agendas and minutes
- Additional staff time needed to address complicated logistics

Dr. Gregory discussed the process for updating policy within MMSD via the MMSD Board of Education Policy Subcommittee. This could take several months depending on current tasks and priorities of the Subcommittee.

Wegleitner discussed adding the Education Committee as a Dane County committee through chapter 15 in Dane County ordinances. This would then be introduced to Dane County Board of Supervisors, then to Executive Committee and back to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Mirilli, seconded by Wegleitner to recommend that MMSD and Dane County codify the Education Committee as a committee hosted by 3 entities (MMSD, Dane County and City of Madison) along with support staff appointed by each entity given shared priorities of transportation, housing/homelessness, mental health, digital inclusion and youth employment.

Motion passed by voice vote.

This will go to MMSD and Dane County to move forward.

5. [70363](#) Discussion on timing of changing the future membership parameters for the committee

O'Donnell discussed the ongoing potential for membership changes. These changes would be submitted with the committee name change ordinance update. Committee members discussed the potential of adding residents or youth voices. Discussion included adding 2 community members and 2 students. This will be determined at future meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Bayrd gave closing remarks for her last meeting as committee members thanked her for all of her contributions and shared stories of experiences and memories.

**Motion by McGregory, seconded by Evers to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.**