



# City of Madison

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## 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?*

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Wednesday, January 12, 2022

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Linda Vakunta; Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; Savion J. Castro; ananda mirilli and Heidi Wegleitner

**Absent:** 1 - Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd

**Others Present:** Mary O'Donnell (City Staff), Tariq Saqqaf (City Staff), Ali Muldrow (MMSD Board Chair), Josh Garoon (UW Madison)

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Evers, seconded by Vidaver to approve December 8, 2021 minutes.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [69047](#) Discussion on Big Idea-Top Three Unfunded Strong Proposals that Address Education Committee Priorities

Dr. McGregory discussed the list of 23 semi-finalists. There are three potential youth employment proposals that focus on internships, research fellowships and the creation of small grocery/market at an MMSD high school. McGregory will provide a list of the semi-finalists and all documents submitted for the three youth employment related proposals that seem to address the Education Committee priorities. The City Community Development Division will do a Youth Employment RFP later this year for funding for 2023-2027. Hugh Wing, lead CDD staff for youth employment, will be included in a discussion with the Committee regarding potential collaboration. City, County and MMSD plan to continue to share any additional connections for current efforts.

3. [69051](#) Updates from School District, County and City of Madison

Mirilli discussed recent MMSD actions including winter break extension and the use of virtual learning to address COVID issues. In addition to education, Mirilli noted that schools provide a wide variety of supports to students and their families including meals, mental health services, healthcare resources, COVID testing and more. Community expectations on MMSD schools are stressing their capacity. Human capital resources are limited and cannot keep up with community need. Staffing shortages continue due to COVID, quarantine time requirements and lack of available tests. There was a call to action to Education Committee members and their represented organizations to assist MMSD.

Muldrow, Castro and Garoon discussed the importance of community support for MMSD efforts. A collaborative effort with businesses, local government, schools and the community is needed.

COVID-19 has amplified previously existing inequities and disparities.

McGregory will share call to action details and contact information with Becky to email to committee members.

4. [69045](#) Discussion on vision, purpose and sustainability of the Education Committee

Mirilli informed the Committee that she is not running for re-election to the MMSD Board in April. The MMSD Board will appoint a new representative and the Education Committee will need to elect a new Chairperson.

The committee has a pending name change and potential membership updates to include in a proposed ordinance change. Ongoing discussion and clarification of the committee vision and purpose have put membership details on hold. The committee would like to make any of these changes at the same time rather than piece-by-piece adjustments.

Education committee consists of mostly elected officials appointed by MMSD Board, Common Council and Dane County Board of Supervisors. Membership and appointments fluctuate with elections. Education Committee members are engaged and motivated to improve education and community collaboration.

5. [69056](#) 2022 Education Committee Meeting Schedule

**Attachments:** [2022 Draft Education Committee Schedule](#)

Mirilli reviewed the 2022 scheduled. Meetings will continue to be on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm.

Future meeting agenda items to include COVID-19 response, Big Ideas Project Collaboration and Committee Name Change and Structure.

6. [69053](#) Statement of Interest Forms

The City Clerk's Office requested committees include annual Statement of Interest forms on upcoming agendas. Forms are submitted electronically and were due January 3, 2022. Becky will resend the email to committee members

with the link and information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Evers to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.**