



# 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, December 8, 2021

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:** 6 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; ananda mirilli; Carousel  
Andrea S. Bayrd and Heidi Wegleitner

**Absent:** 2 - Linda Vakunta and Savion J. Castro

**Others Present:** Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf, Nathan Beck

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

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bayrd, seconded by Vidaver to approve the October 13, 2021 minutes. Motion passed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [68144](#) Status Report and Next Steps for Digital Inclusion Task Force Recommendations

Evers reported that funding for the Digital Equity Coordinator position that was included in the Digital Inclusion Task Force recommendations was added to the 2022 budget through a budget amendment. IT plans to fill the position within the second quarter of 2022.

3. [68145](#) Discuss Big Idea-Top Three Unfunded Strong Proposals that Address Education Committee Priorities

McGregory has a list of strong proposals submitted to MMSD. However, the list does not specify if proposals were funded or unfunded. McGregory will get that information and share the document with the committee.

4. [68146](#) Discuss and Plan for Joint Meeting with Education Committee, Mayor, County Executives, and MMSD Superintendent
- O'Donnell reminded the Committee of their interest, discussed at the October meeting, in setting up meetings between these entities. The goal is for the meeting to occur in the first quarter of 2022. Staff will follow-up with City, County and MMSD leadership.**
5. [68147](#) Review and Identify Gaps in the 2022 City, County and MMSD Budgets Towards a Goal of Developing a Plan for Community Input on Addressing These Gaps in 2023
- Developing a Plan for Community Input on Addressing these gaps in 2023**  
**Mirilli discussed school budget updates and effect of COVID costs and new initiatives. Mental Health and Restorative Justice are priorities.**
- Evers and Vidaver discussed CARES team within the MPD and Fire. They are working on gathering information on mental health calls and impacts on young people. UW Police have a similar program and plan to release a dashboard on types of calls received. This information would be helpful on a City level. CARES is still a pilot program. Further information and funding is needed.**
- Wegleitner discussed county budget work. Dane County's budget scale and larger department sizes will require a review of specific areas for gaps.**
- Saqqaf discussed the potential benefits of staff providing information regarding resource and budget gaps.. Residents should also be engaged regarding budget gaps on a neighborhood level.**
- Mirilli discussed the importance of addressing inequities. Moving forward, the committee should be identifying issues, focus on those with strategic perspectives and facilitate strategic conversation on charges and priorities.**
6. [68158](#) Discussion on Shortage of Child Care and Youth Service Workers
- Beck discussed workforce stability being an issue for years that was further amplified by COVID. State subsidies only cover about 65% of child care costs. Centers must make budget adjustments that often lead to lower wages.**
- There is a Child Care state program with \$350 million. One thing this is expected to do is provide monthly checks to child care organizations to support workforce retention through increase wages for licensed child care programs. The state provided \$50M through the Beyond the Classroom grant program that is funding over \$8 million in Dane County for After School organizations. This is one time funding and long-term solutions still needed.**
- Beck will bring potential action items to the Education Committee.**
7. [68679](#) Education Committee meeting format and 2022 proposed schedule
- Motion by Evers, seconded by Bayrd to set default meeting format for Education Committee as virtual through 1st quarter 2022. Motion passed.**
- The committee will review 2022 Schedule at January meeting.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Evers, seconded by McGregory to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.  
Motion passed.**