



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft 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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Tuesday, December 13, 2022

5:30 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

Vice President Currie arrived at 6:30 p.m.

Others Present: Attorney Haas, Alder Vidaver, Alder Madison, Alder Carter,  
Council Office staff Debbie Fields.

Present: 7 - Keith Furman; Jael Currie; Nikki Conklin; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Grant Foster; Patrick W. Heck and Juliana R. Bennett

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Heck, seconded by Foster, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [75117](#) Public Comment (12/13/22)

None

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. [74901](#) Amending various sections of the Madison General Ordinances to correct inconsistencies and improper references in the Madison General Ordinances, constituting the 2022 City Attorney Revisor's Ordinance.

A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to **RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER**. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [75054](#) Defining Appropriate Use of Alder Blogs and Allowable Topics of Alder-Hosted Public Meetings During Election Periods.

**A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Bennett, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE WITHOUT PREJUDICE -REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

4. [75118](#) District 12 Vacancy Discussion

**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Conklin, to not hold interviews for the District 12 interim alder position.**

**An amendment was put forward by Foster, seconded by Conklin, to add the following: let the candidates know, and also not seek a replacement.**

**The amendment failed on the following roll call vote:**

**President Furman: Not voting**

**Vice President Currie: Absent**

**Alder Bennett: No**

**Alder Conklin: Aye**

**Alder Figueroa Cole: Aye**

**Alder Foster: Aye**

**Alder Heck: No**

**Ayes: 3**

**Noes:2**

**A motion was made by Heck, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to amend the motion to follow the ordinance and look for a new pool of candidates. The amendment was added to the motion by unanimous consent.**

**The amended motion passed by unanimous consent.**

5. [75105](#) Authorizing the placement of a binding referendum question related to a charter ordinance establishing staggered terms for alders beginning with the 2025 Spring Election to the electorate on the 2023 Spring Election ballot.

**A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Heck, to recommend version 1 with the addition of "in subsequent elections, the term for all alder shall be two years". An amendment was made by Foster, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to also not include language about odd and even years and use the language as presented by Attorney Haas. The amendment was accepted by unanimous consent.**

**A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Heck, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER to recommend the following referendum language:**

**Shall the Charter Ordinances of the City of Madison be amended to establish staggered two-year terms for members of the Common Council beginning in 2025, with the 2025 Spring Election including one-year terms for alders in even-numbered Districts and in subsequent elections the term for all alders shall be two years?**

**The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

6. [75119](#) Council Office - Administrative Support

**A motion was made by Foster, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Refer to the January 11, 2023, CCEC meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

7. [72110](#) Council Office Update

**The Council Chief of Staff provided an update of Council Office activities.**

8. [72112](#) Future Agenda Items

**The Committee discussed future agenda items.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Conklin, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**