



City of Madison
Minutes - Approved
Task Force on Structure of City Government
Boards, Commissions and Committees
Subcommittee

City of Madison
Madison, WI 53703
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Friday, June 14, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Madison Municipal Building, Room 206
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Present: Eileen Harrington, John Rothschild, Rebecca Kemble, Justice Castañeda

Absent: Eric Upchurch, Maggie Northrop

Also Present: City Staff: Bill Putnam, Ben Zellers, Karl Van Lith, Matt Wachter, Laura Noel, Sally Jo Spaeni, Charlie Romines, Cam McLay, Amy Barrileaux, Ann Schroeder, Matt Tucker, Heather Stouder, Karen Kapusta Pofahl, Greg McManners, Elena Wood, Tariq Saqqaf.

City Alders: Keith Furman, Grant Foster, Syed Abbas

BCC Staff: John Strange

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

3. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

4. DISCUSSION WITH CITY STAFF REGARDING THE CITY'S BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES SYSTEM, INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF PAST EXPERIENCES AND POTENTIAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

Motion by Rothschild to suspend Robert's Rules to stand informally, second by Harrington. Motion passed on voice vote.

The Subcommittee engaged in a nearly three hour discussion with staff about issues raised in the BCC Subcommittee Report, including issues relative to lack of diversity on BCCs, varying levels of authority among BCCs, proliferation of committees, lack of training for members and chairs, rules and procedures pertaining to BCC meetings, relationship between city staff, BCC members, and alders, tendency for some people to have multiple avenues to influence the narrative on a particular issue or project, staff concerns for personal and professional safety, and the decision making process. The conversation was rich and varied. City Staff recorded the conversation and a transcript of the meeting is being transcribed. The BCC Subcommittee noted the numerous topics it wished it had more time to discuss with staff, including the possibility of an Office of Resident Engagement and Neighborhood Services (ORENS).

5. FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

The Subcommittee noted the need for additional meetings to debrief regarding what it heard today and to more fully discuss the ORENS concept.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kemble to adjourn, second by Rothschild. Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.