



REVIEWING BCC STRUCTURE

COMMON COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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WHY REVISIT BCC STRUCTURE?

- Act on the findings and recommendations of the Task Force on Government Structure (TFOGS)
- Ensure our BCC's:
 - Have a clear and efficient path for resident participation
 - Can efficiently and effectively further the work of the City

BACKGROUND: TFOGS REPORT

TFOGS Report Findings on BCC Structure (2019) found that BCCs:

- Lack geographic and racial diversity
- Result in a drain on resident, staff, and alder time
- Lack consistent accountability
- Vary in levels of authority and influence
- Include BCCs that lack a well-defined purpose, have outlived their purpose, or have purposes that overlap
- Require logistical processes (meeting times, locations, rules, infrastructure) that do not facilitate resident participation
- Are often inadequately staffed or have inadequate resources to complete their work

TFOGS REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BCC NUMBER AND STRUCTURE*

- Organize BCCs around lead committees and create an org chart
- Eliminate or combine BCCs that are redundant or have outlived their purpose
- Reorganize BCCs in a way that ensures BCCs are accountable to their intended purpose and function

* This slide excludes other recommendations related to BCCs

COMPARING MADISON'S # TO OTHERS

City Attorney's Office Comparison Cities	Range in # BCCs	Average # BCCs
Big Ten Cities (8 in analysis)	11 – 50	30
Capital + University Cities (6 in analysis)	12 - 77	35
Largest WI Cities (8 in analysis)	15 - 39	25

At time of analysis (2018-19), Madison had 102 BCCs.

A BREAKDOWN OF MADISON BCCs (2021)

Committee Type	Number (as of 8/21)
Required by WI Statute <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>E.g., Board of Park Commissioners, Personnel Board, Finance Committee, Water Utility Board, Board of Public Works</i>	13
Temporary Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Ad Hoc committees, Tasks Forces, President's Working Groups</i>	7
Other City-Established BCCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>E.g., Sustainable Madison Committee, Urban Design Commission, Food Policy Council, Landlord and Tenant Issues, Housing Strategy Committee</i>	48
Appointments to Non-City BCCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>E.g., Sewerage District Commission, Overture Center Board, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission</i>	16

WORK TO DATE TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2020-2022 – TFOGS Implementation Working Group
- Individual committee changes on a limited basis (*e.g. Solid Waste Advisory Committee, Committee on Environment, combined Transportation committees, and reduced Parks subcommittees*)
- Recognition of more opportunity for improvement, and groundwork laid for an approach

REVIEWING & ADJUSTING BCCS

- Process:
 - Seek staff input to develop initial proposal
 - Coordinate with CCEC
 - Get committee input before finalizing
- Key Question: How to best match the committee function to the City's core needs and goals?



QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION