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Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

5:00 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.
Madison Municipal Building
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 302

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Nick Zavos; Shiva Bidar; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; Nicki Vander Meulen and Heidi Wegleitner

Absent: 1 - Dean Loumos

Other staff present: Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf, Nathan Beck

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vander Meulen, seconded by Wegleitner to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

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Vote on Dissolution of the Education Committee

Phair provided background information on previous Education Committee discussions. Vander Meulen shared that the Madison Board of Education members would like input prior to official dissolution of the Education Committee. Phair explained that a vote for dissolution of the Education Committee would require an ordinance change that would go to the Common Council Executive Committee for review prior to Common Council as a whole. Once on the Common Council agenda other bodies could publicly provide feedback.

Zavos arrived at 5:29.

Motion by Zavos, seconded by Vander Meulen to place vote on dissolution of the Education Committee on file. Motion passed by voice vote with Phair

abstaining.

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Discussion, if Necessary, on Actions Needed to Continue Forward with the Education Committee.

Attachments: [ADOPTED Education Committee Mission and Goals Statement.pdf](#)
[FW Ed Committee Agenda.pdf](#)
[2019 Education Committee Schedule.pdf](#)

Phair discussed past ideas and discussion. The Education Committee will work on the following:

- Define purpose and direction within the City, County and MMSD.
- Evaluate membership structure, legislative responsibility and support staff roles.
- Modify monthly meeting schedule with consideration for quorum concerns, time needed to gather data and spring elections.

The next Education Committee meeting will be Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Beyond the May meeting, the amended schedule is every other month for the remainder of 2019. New dates are July 10, September 11 and November 6.

Education Committee members will bring questions to their respective larger bodies to gather input. Examples of potential questions include:

- What role do you see the Education Committee having? Should focus be on policy and budget recommendations, communication or possibly a combination of both?
- Who charges the Education committee with projects/issues?
- What projects/issues could the Education Committee work on? What other bodies are currently working on those projects or issues? Why is the Education Committee the best option to address this project/issue?
- Current Education Committee membership consists of 2 Common Council members, 1 Mayor's Office Representative, 2 Dane County Supervisors, 2 MMSD Board of Education members and 1 MMSD Administration representative. Does membership need to be adjusted?
- Is there an important role/purpose not being met by other structures or processes?

Education Committee members will share the questions electronically and do a brief presentation to their respective groups. Results from the questions will be discussed at the May 8 meeting.

Vander Meulen left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Bidar-Sielaff took a moment to recognize Matt Phair and his work with the Education Committee. This is his last meeting.

Motion by Zavos, seconded by Bidar-Sielaff to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.
Motion passed by voice vote.