



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved TASK FORCE ON STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT

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Monday, November 19, 2018

6:00 PM

Madison Municipal Building, Room 260  
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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### POSSIBLE QUORUM OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXISTS AT THIS MEETING

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Documents related to the Task Force on the Structure of City Government.

### THE TASK FORCE MAY SUSPEND THE RULES TO STAND INFORMALLY AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND ENGAGEMENT OF ANY AGENDA ITEM

#### 1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Paul E. Skidmore; David Ahrens; Rebecca Kemble; John E. Rothschild;  
Justice M. Castañeda; Maggie Northrop and Eileen Harrington

**Absent:** 3 - Sheri Carter; Ronald M. Trachtenberg and Eric S. Upchurch

Carter arrived at 6:54 p.m.

Also present: City Attorney Michael May and Assistant City Attorney John Strange

#### 2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rothschild, second by Castañeda to approve minutes of October 26, 2018. Motion passed on a voice vote.

#### 3 APPROVE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 11, 2018 AND DISBAND THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SUBCOMMITTEE

Motion by Kemble, seconded by Harrington, to approve minutes from October 11, 2018 meeting of the Government Officials Subcommittee. Passed on voice vote. Motion by Castaneda, seconded by Kemble, to disband the Government Officials subcommittee. Passed on voice vote.

#### 4 PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

**5 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

There were no disclosures or recusals at this meeting.

**6 UPDATE ON STATUS OF EXECUTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE, COMMUNICATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES SUBCOMMITTEE,  
AND COMMON COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE**

Justice Castañeda, Chair of the Board, Commissions, and Committee Subcommittee provided the Task Force with an update of the subcommittee's first two meetings, including outlining the subcommittee's work plan, discussing key points and issues identified thus far, and sharing its future meeting schedule with the Task Force. Other subcommittee members also gave their perspective on the subcommittee's work thus far.

John Rothschild, Chair of the Common Council subcommittee provided the Task Force with an update of the subcommittee's meetings thus far, including outlining the subcommittee's work plan and discussing some of the key issues identified in its initial discussion of whether the Common Council members should work full-time versus part-time, whether they should serve 2-year terms or 4-year terms, whether their terms should be staggered, and whether the overall number of Common Council members should be reduced. Other subcommittee members also gave their perspective on the subcommittee's work thus far.

**7 CONSIDER APPOINTING 1-2 ALTERNATES TO SUBCOMMITTEES, OR  
DELEGATING TO THE CHAIR THE POWER TO APPOINT 1-2 ALTERNATES**

Motion by Kemble, seconded by Castañeda to delegate to the Chair of the Task Force the authority to designate alternates for the subcommittees.

**8 UPDATE RESOLUTION (RES-18-00732; LEGISTAR FILE NO. 52692) EXTENDING THE  
DEADLINE FOR THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON  
THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT**

Staff provided the Task Force with a copy of the resolution recently passed extending the deadline for the work of the Task Force to December 1, 2019.

**9 TASK FORCE FUTURE MEETINGS, SCHEDULES, AND MEETING LOCATIONS**

The Task Force confirmed that it would meet on Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., location TBD. Staff provided Task Force with a list of narrowed down dates for remaining meetings in 2019 and asked for a response as soon as possible.

**10 OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

None.

**11 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

The Task Force noted that at the January meeting it would receive further updates from the subcommittees.

**12 ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Castañeda, second by Rothschild to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.