



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

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Thursday, March 8, 2018

5:00 PM

City County Building  
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard  
1st Floor, Room 103A

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**Commissioners Corinda Rainey-Moore, Zach Madden, Dion Jones, Arlette Kambwa-Gitau, Melanie Ramey, Caitlin Badsing, Danielle Dieringer, Richelle Andrae, Sheray Wallace, and Alder Rebecca Kemble will be appearing via phone.**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff present:** Byron Bishop, Josue Peralta  
**Commissioners Kambwa-Gitau and Jones appeared via phone.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:02 P.M.**

**Present:** 9 - Rebecca Kemble; Caitlin D. Badsing; Melanie G. Ramey; Dion A. Jones; Richelle R. Andrae; Arlette Kambwa-Gitau; Danielle A. Dieringer; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

**Absent:** 1 - Sheray L. Wallace

**Excused:** 1 - Charles E. McDowell

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Commissioner Ramey moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting without correction. The motion was seconded by Dieringer, and passed by voice vote.**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There was no public comment.**

### 4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

**There were no disclosures or recusals.**

### REPORTS

### 5. Equal Opportunities Manager

**Equal Opportunities Division (EOD) Manager Byron Bishop updated the commissioners on different areas within the Division. The finishing touches are being put on the RFP of the new case management system. The paralegal/mediator position has been posted with recruitment starting. One of the investigator positions will be filled with a transfer from the Fire Department. The EOD will be working on producing "How-To" videos to be**

posted on the upcoming new website.

6. Common Council

Alder Rebecca Kemble updated the commissioners on the potential paratransit cuts. With the Department of Civil Right's Jason Glozier's help, who provided some background, there is not a list of things Metro could do to keep the service. She also voiced her concerns about environmental justice of those living in Truax and the trailer homes.

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

7. [50282](#) Officer Elections for the Equal Opportunities Commission

Josue Peralta assumed the task of conducting elections.

Chair was the first Officer nomination on the floor. Zach Madden nominated Corinda Rainey-Moore, which was seconded by Danielle Dieringer. Corinda Rainey-Moore accepted the nomination. Josue Peralta called for nominations two additional times. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The nomination passed by voice vote. Corinda Rainey-Moore accepted the position of Chair.

Vice President was the second Officer nomination on the floor. Melanie Ramey nominated Charles McDowell, which was seconded by Zach Madden. Charles McDowell accepted the nomination. Josue Peralta called for nominations two additional times. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The nomination passed by voice vote. Charles McDowell accepted the position of Vice President.

Secretary was the third Officer nomination on the floor. Danielle Dieringer nominated Zach Madden, which was seconded by Caitlin Badsing. Zach Madden accepted the nomination. Josue Peralta called for nominations two additional times. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The nomination passed by voice vote. Zach Madden accepted the position of Secretary.

At-Large Representative for the EOC Executive Committee was the fourth nomination on the floor. Melanie Ramey proposed Danielle Dieringer, which was seconded by Zach Madden. Josue Peralta called for nominations two additional times. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The nomination passed by voice vote. Danielle Dieringer accepted the position of At-Large Representative.

At-Large Representative for the EOC Executive Committee was the fifth nomination on the floor. Melanie Ramey nominated Richelle Andrae, which was seconded by Badsing. Richelle Andrae accepted the nomination. Josue Peralta called for nominations two additional times. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The nomination passed by voice vote. Richelle Andrae accepted the position of At-Large Representative.

8. [48643](#) Establishing a Plan for the Confederate Monuments in Forest Hill Cemetery.

After some discussion on the topic, Commissioner Madden motioned to recommend the removal of the standing monument, and supporting the removal of the previous one. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ramey, and passed via voice vote.

A substitute motion was made by Kemble, seconded by Dieringer, to Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s) to the BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS.

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) recommends for taking down the current monuments and thus prevent glorifying the so-called "Lost Cause" movement by the repetition of the names of the confederate soldiers. The removed monuments should be given to the Wisconsin Historical Society for storage. No new monuments or markers should be erected in their place. The EOC also affirms the commitment to rejecting all racist monuments, language, and hate groups in the City of Madison.

The motion passed by voice vote/other

9. [50110](#) Establishing a moratorium on issuance of new alcohol licenses in a high density, high police call area in downtown Madison.

Commissioner Madden motioned for this item to be referred to the meeting following their retreat. The commission is seeking for some data from the Mayor's office regarding who are the people being detained and who are those being affected. The motion was seconded by Badsing, and passed via voice vote.

10. [50284](#) Discussion of 2018 Commission Retreat

Commission President Rainey-Moore spoke to the commission regarding the retreat during next month's meeting. The meeting will be an extended one, focusing on strategizing for the year.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Madden moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 P.M. The motion was seconded by Dieringer and passed via voice vote.