



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?  
Who does not have a voice at the table?  
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

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Wednesday, February 9, 2022

5:30 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.  
**Virtual Meeting**

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; Savion J. Castro;  
ananda mirilli; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Heidi Wegleitner

**Absent:** 1 - Linda Vakunta

**Others present:** Mary O'Donnell

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Vidaver, seconded by Bayrd to approve the January 12, 2022 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [69718](#) Update on 2022 MMSD, City and County response to COVID

McGregory discussed the large community response to assist MMSD with volunteers to address staff shortages. People interested in the program are undergoing the background check and vaccination verification process. The influx of volunteers prevented school closings. Only a few classrooms closed. The staff shortage stressed the importance of all staff positions.

McGregory discussed the point person for volunteers is Laura Whitmore. Becky will send volunteer link and contact information to committee members to share with their constituents. Evers shared frustration of lack of communication and sharing of information or press releases to elected officials. The volunteer information was shared in the community, but not with elected officials to include in their blogs. McGregory and Mirilli acknowledged the lack of

communication structure to share information formally with elected officials. MMSD will address and revise the communication structure to improve future communication and outreach. The new structure should be inclusive and encompass elected officials at all levels including the mayor and county executive.

MMSD, city and county members shared the budget tightness for 2022 and 2023 due to COVID.

3. [69719](#) Big Ideas Project Collaboration

Attachments: [BIG Ideas Unfunded Semi Finalists](#)

Mirilli discussed the spreadsheet sent out to members with the 3 ideas that align with the committees priorities. Members discussed funding options. There is no current funds available to fund the programs directly. When this was originally discussed, it was back before 2022 budgets were finalized. CDD will release RFP in late spring for Adult and Youth Employment. Some may qualify to apply for those funds. Two of the three proposals are related to food security. There are several food security initiatives and committees within the city. Vidaver discussed SEED grants are currently open for eligible programs. Becky will email SEED grant information to committee members. Members discussed communication structure within the three entities. There is no clear path to share information with everyone at all three entities. It would be helpful to share information that aligns with education committee priorities. The identification of program key people would be a good start. It would also be helpful if community and partners had a clearinghouse where funding opportunities were posted in one place and if the application process was similar.

4. [69720](#) Committee Name Change and Structure

Attachments: [Updated CCSCC Mission Statement 12-11-19.pdf](#)

Mirilli recapped the language change adopted by the committee on December 11, 2019.

Mirilli and Bayrd will create a list of bullet points highlighting the advantages and challenges that the Ed Committee will incur if sponsorship of the Committee was changed from being a City Committee such that its' existence became embedded within policy for each of the three entities, making it clear that the all three entities are responsible for guiding and following through on the work of the Committee

Potential membership updates were not determined.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Evers, seconded by Castro to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.