



**City of Madison
Minutes - Approved**

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**Task Force on Structure of City Government
Government Officials Subcommittee**

Thursday, September 21, 2018

8:30 a.m.

City-County Building, Room Room 351, CCB
210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

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1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Eileen Harrington and John Rothschild

Absent: Eric Upchurch

Upchurch arrived at 8:35 a.m.

Other TFOGS members present: Alder Paul Skidmore and Alder David Ahrens

Staff present: Michael May

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harrington and seconded by Rothschild to approve Minutes of the August 30 meeting of the Government Officials Subcommittee. Passed on voice vote.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this meeting.

4. DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals from the members present.

5. TESTIMONY FROM CURRENT AND FORMER COMMON COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee heard from the following current or former government officials:

Lucas Dailey, former member of the Madison Common Council, addressed structural issues, including support for a full time Council and participatory budgeting, and other issues.

Satya Rhodes-Conway, former member of the Madison Common Council, addressed the need to keep the Council the way it is, but add staff for constituent services, better training for committees, community engagement, and other issues.

Keith Furman, a current member of the Common Council, supported full-time alders with a longer, 4-year term. If the alders were to remain part-time, he urged a salary increase. He will be sending information to staff on Seattle's public financing of local campaigns.

Scott Resnick, a former member of the Madison Common Council, support a hybrid model with 10 district alders and two alders elected by a division of the city in half. He also supported term limits of 10-12 years for Alders and the Mayor.

6. QUESTIONS FROM THE TASK FORCE

Each former member also answered questions from the Task Force. There were no questions from the general public. A recording of the meeting will soon be available on the Task Force website <https://www.cityofmadison.com/task-force-on-government-structure>.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No discussion.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.