



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON FOOD POLICY COUNCIL

*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 19, 2025

5:30 PM

Virtual

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The City of Madison is holding the Madison Food Policy Council meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to [mfpc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:mfpc@cityofmadison.com)

2. **Register for Public Comment:**

- Register to speak at the meeting.
- Register to answer questions.
- Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

If you want to speak at this meeting you must register. You can register at <https://www.cityofmadison.com/MeetingRegistration>. When you register to speak, you will be sent an email with the information you will need to join the virtual meeting.

3. **Watch the Meeting:** If you would like to join the meeting as an observer, please visit <https://www.cityofmadison.com/watchmeetings>.

4. **Listen by Phone:**

(877) 853-5257 (Toll Free)

Webinar ID: 894 9014 4979

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**Others Present:** Nicholas Heckman, Jacey Bellefueille, Erica Janisch, Daniel Cornelius

**Madison Food Policy Council Meeting called to order at by Chair Leete at 5:32PM.**

**Present:** 10 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Nicholas S. Leete; Rebecca Kemble; Hedi L. Rudd; Dustin K. Lundt; Christopher G. Brockel; Dadit G. Hidayat; Kelsey Abad and Nan Fey

**Excused:** 6 - Noah R. Bloedorn; Devika J. Suri; Lindsey Day Farnsworth; Sarah M. Larson; Katie L. Strader and David D. Leeper

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion to approve minutes from January made by Fey. Second by Evers. Heckman indicates that the slides from the January presentation will be added to the minutes. Fey noticed that minutes approval in January should be corrected to reference December. Motion passed with unanimous approval.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**[87175](#)** Public Comment: MFPC 2/19/2025

None

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS****Special Presentation**

1. **[87176](#)** Update on Food Insecurity in Dane County  
  
Heckman presented from the report Food Insecurity in Dane County.
  - o Summary available here:  
[https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food\\_insecurity\\_dane\\_county\\_summary.pdf](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food_insecurity_dane_county_summary.pdf)
  - o Full report available here:  
[https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food\\_insecurity\\_dane\\_county.pdf](https://publichealthmdc.com/documents/food_insecurity_dane_county.pdf)

**Report from Chair**

2. **[72741](#)** Madison Food Policy Council Chair  
  
Thanking Dustin Lundt for his service on the Food Policy Council. This will be his final meeting. Dustin will be replaced going forward by Josh Perkins from

**Madison Metropolitan School District Food & Nutrition Services.**

There are currently two vacancies and members are encouraged to think of others who may be a good fit to join the Council.

**Regular Business Reports**

3.     [72192](#)           Regional Food System Planning  
  
Announcing the launch of the community engagement portion of the Dane County Food Action Plan (<https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/dane-county-food-action-plan/>). A launch party we will gather key stakeholders in our food system, present project goals and timelines, offer ways to get involved, and do direct community engagement. Food Policy Council members and others in the community with interest in food systems are welcome to attend.  
  
Event Details  
Date: February 27th  
Time: 5:30-7:30pm  
Location: Madison College Culinary School  
Address: 1750 Wright St, Madison, WI 53704
4.     [72193](#)           Regional Agriculture and Food Sovereignty  
  
No report.
5.     [77772](#)           Dane Food Access Network  
  
Members are following closely the developments with the federal government as they pertain to nutrition programs and potential impacts on the emergency food system.
6.     [75103](#)           Farmland Preservation Task Force  
  
City staff have updated the language in the agricultural leases. MFPC has been working on this issue since 2022. A resolution will be made to Common Council for approval of the new lease language, and new leases will most likely take effect in 2026.
7.     [72198](#)           Madison Metropolitan School District  
  
No report
8.     [72199](#)           Double Dollars Program  
  
Partners are looking at federal changes and considering potential impacts on low income households who rely on nutrition assistance, on the availability of grants to support expansion of nutrition incentives, and on the future of SNAP.
9.     [72197](#)           Community Gardens

The Community Garden Summit, organized by Rooted and UW-Extension Madison Dane County will be held March 8th, with an emphasis on garden organization. Details and registration here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MPx0VU8Tj-nwJrotVckOhh4-PHgmrPVD/edit>

It is also the time for registration for most community gardens around the county – see [danegardens.net](http://danegardens.net) for contact and registration information for each garden.

10. [77773](#) Food System Assessment

No report

#### Staff Reports

11. [72194](#) Business Development Specialist

No report

12. [72195](#) Public Health Madison & Dane County

No report

13. [72196](#) Extension Dane County, UW-Madison

Dane County is currently accepting applications for the 2025 PIE Food Project grants: <https://equity.countyofdane.com/grants/PIE-food>. The total funding to be granted is \$40,000. They are due Monday, February 24, 2025.

Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Development Initiative (FEED) Webinars: free virtual spring 2025 workshop series for new and growing food and farming businesses. These are organized by the UW-Madison Extension Community Food Systems Program, and will be held on Mondays, 2-3pm, from February 10 to March 17, 2025. For more details on the session topics and how to register, visit <https://foodsystems.extension.wisc.edu/2025-feed-webinar-series/>.

Additional upcoming educational events are listed on the UW-Madison Extension Dane County website: <https://dane.extension.wisc.edu/>.

#### Announcements

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the MFPC made by Fey. Second by Vidaver. Motion approved by unanimous approval at 6:26 PM.