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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?*

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Richard Gregory; Savion J. Castro and ananda mirilli

Absent: 1 - Regina M. Vidaver

Others present: Mary O'Donnell (City staff)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65732](#) Public Comment

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Motion by Vakunta, seconded by Evers to approve the March 9, 2022 minutes.
Motion passed by voice vote.**

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [70814](#) Discussion and identification of specific next steps for MMSD and Dane County to codify the Education Committee as a joint body with shared priorities of transportation, housing/homelessness, mental health, digital inclusion and youth employment

Committee discussed the components of codifying the committee within MMSD and Dane County. Discussion included potential switch to ex officio members for the representatives from MMSD Superintendents Office, Dane County Executive Office and Mayor's office. Dane County representative may be Human Services staff to best align with Education Committee priorities and the Dane County work.

Next steps:

-Vakunta will work with standing meetings between the Mayor, MMSD Superintendent or Dane County Executive to include all three for Education Committee discussion.

-Wegleitner will meet with Corporate Counsel on language and protocol for

moving forward within Dane County policy.

-McGregory will work on language on MMSD side and meet with General Counsel to discuss next steps.

3. [70815](#)

Discussion of timing and logistics of codifying the new name for the Education Committee, the joint sponsorship and potential membership changes

Mirilli discussed new Education Committee members should be onboard in May or June after the Spring Election and committee appointment. MMSD Board President and Dane County Board Chair will make appointments to the Education Committee with new elected officials.

The committee will move forward with all ordinance updates at the same time including: name change, committee membership and roles, codifying MMSD and Dane County as co-sponsors of the committee. This will take time with many moving pieces.

The discussion will continue at the June or July Education Committee meeting to give new members time to be appointed and acclimated. If new members are not appointed by May 5, 2022 the May 11 meeting may be cancelled.

4. [70816](#)

Election of Chair and Vice Chair Positions

Wegleitner discussed election of Chair and Vice Chair at the May meeting when new members are present. Evers and Wegleitner would be willing to Co-Chair the committee. Wegleitner is the Vice Chair and will serve as the Chair at the May meeting or until a new chair is elected.

Mirilli recommended having a Chair from MMSD. This is beneficial to guide the direction of the committee and to align with MMSD work.

5. [70817](#)

2022 Education Committee Meeting Format

Mirilli discussed previous vote from earlier this year to establish default meeting as virtual through 1st quarter 2022. The committee revisited the discussion for future meetings.

Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Castro to set virtual meetings as default for the Education Committee through 2nd quarter ending on June 30, 2022. Amendment by Mirilli, seconded by Castro to set the virtual meetings as default for the Education Committee through 3rd quarter ending September 30, 2022. Motion passed by voice vote to extend through 3rd quarter.

ADJOURNMENT

Today was Mirilli's last Education Committee meeting. Mirilli thanked the members for their continued commitment and work on the committee. Members thanked Mirilli for her dedication and work as Chair of the committee.

Motion by Castro, seconded by Evers to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.