



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, June 13, 2018

5:00 PM

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m.  
30 W. Mifflin Street, Room 1000B

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Nick Zavos; Matthew J. Phair; Nichelle Nichols; Nicki Vander Meulen;  
James Howard; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Michele Ritt

**Absent:** 1 - Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

**Others Present:** Mary O'Donnell, Nathan Beck

Bayrd called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ritt, seconded by Howard to approve the May 9, 2018 minutes.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Del Underbakke discussed updated information on his opportunity youth research. Underbakke shared information on Philadelphia's Project U-Turn. Project U-Turn is a collaborative effort that focuses on increasing graduation rates and engagement of students. The program finished its 10-year implementation plan, analyzed the success, and identified areas for improvement. Early intervention, beginning as early as 5th grade, was identified as a key component to keeping students engaged. Underbakke also discussed the Micro School Pilot Project in Madison. Underbakke shared concerns that MMSD is addressing only a percentage of at risk students as defined in PI 25.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **52030** Follow-up Discussion and Identify Action Regarding Opportunity Youth

**Attachments:** [Education Committee Discussion Questions](#)

Bayrd reviewed the discussion questions and asked committee members to define potential future steps with implications for City or County 2019 budgets.

Phair took over chair position. Phair introduced new member Nicholas Zavos.

Topics discussed and up for further review as more information becomes available:

- Include youth voices, hold strategic youth engagement sessions to determine what youth need and want.
- Follow up on upcoming MMSD Board decision on the recommendation to create an Office of Engagement to address at risk students.
- Address gaps in communication between entities. Potential solutions include procedural changes or implementation of a new software program to expedite electronic data sharing.
- The importance of a welcoming environment in youth reengagement programs. Staff training and staff retention may also fall within this category.

Phair will discuss data sharing options and current practices in other cities with the Council Analyst. Phair can bring the results to a future meeting.

The July meeting will have a NECZ presentation. The September meeting will be a follow up discussion on how move forward.

An early quorum check will be done for the July 11 and August 8 meetings as some committee members may be unavailable. Nichols, Vander Meulen and Bayrd are not available for the July meeting. Howard may also be unavailable.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Vander Meulen, seconded by Howard, to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.