



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

*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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Thursday, March 13, 2025

5:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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The City of Madison is holding the Equal Opportunities Commission meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to [eoc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:eoc@cityofmadison.com).
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  - Register to answer questions.
  - Register in support or opposition of an agenda item (without speaking).

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 pm. Benford presiding.

**Present:** 7 - Melanie G. Ramey; Deana Wright; Brian D. Benford; Katriel Tan Williams; Robert Klebba; Zach A. Madden and Corinda Rainey-Moore

**Absent:** 6 - Nasra Wehelie; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Sheray L. Wallace; Anushri S. Bangalore; Linda J. Ketcham and Araceli Esparza

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ramey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Klebba. The motion was passed unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [87442](#) Public Comments (March 13, 2025)

There were no public comments. One individual joined on the watch list.

#### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

#### NEW BUSINESS

2. [87458](#) City Attorney, Michael Haas, will discuss housing property tax equity, public area accessibility and the EOC's jurisdiction.  
**Attorney Haas held discussions and answered questions.**  
  
**Ramey made a motion to ask the City Assessor to join the next meeting to discuss housing property tax and equity issues. It was seconded by Klebba. The motion passed unanimously.**
3. [87484](#) Directing City staff to explore and study the possibility of providing early mediation between businesses.  
  
**Klebba made a motion to refer this with prejudice, seconded by Ramey. The motion passed unanimously.**
4. [87443](#) Non-Discrimination Clause - Klebba  
  
**Tan made a motion to refer this to the next meeting. It was seconded by Klebba. The motion was passed unanimously.**

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

5. [86947](#) Reverend James Wright Award Schedule and Timeline  
  
**A discussion was held.**
6. [85693](#) EOC Work Plan  
  
**During this discussion, it was noted that the quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 6:18 pm.**
7. [83906](#) Future Topics  
  
**This was not discussed. Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 6:18 pm.**

#### REPORTS

8. [77682](#) Alder Report to the EOC  
  
**This was not presented. Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was immediately adjourned at 6:18 pm.**

9. [57765](#) EOD Manager Report:  
Technology updates, HUD Project updates, Training and Outreach, Special  
Projects, Employment/Housing/Public Accommodations Updates
- This was not presented. Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting.  
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#### ADJOURNMENT

**Quorum was lost as two members left the meeting. The meeting was  
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