



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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Wednesday, December 10, 2014

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room LL-120 (Madison Municipal Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Gloria Reyes; Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Matthew J. Phair; Jessica Hankey; T.J. Mertz; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Jeff Pertl

**Others present:** Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf

Phair called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm. Phair welcomed Gloria Reyes to the committee. She will be replacing Astra Iheukumere as the Mayor's representative to the Education Committee.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Loumos to approve the September 17, 2014 minutes. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [35986](#) Chair's Report

**Attachments:** [Growing-Together-Learning-Together.pdf](#)

Phair will save discussion for item number 3.

2. [35669](#) Kennedy Center's Any Given Child Initiative

**Attachments:** [Any Given Child PowerPoint](#)  
[Any Given Child Phase I Report](#)  
[Any Given Child Brochure](#)

Laurie Fellenz from MMSD and Barb Schrank from Madison Arts Commission spoke to the group regarding the Any Given Child Initiative in Madison. The Kennedy Center for Performing Arts named Madison the 12th city to become

part of the Ensuring the Arts for Any Given Child program in July of 2013. The goal of the program is to assist communities in developing a plan to ensure there is equity and access to arts education for all K-8 students in their schools.

Laurie gave a brief presentation on the history of the initiative and the process involved in becoming one of the cities. The Phase I report dated September 2014 provided further information. While Madison does have Music and Visual Arts programs for its K-5 students, it is lacking Theatre and Dance options. Barriers to offering curriculum-based Arts in schools include scheduling, funding and time. Schools are working on measuring the current options and the Any Given Child initiative can help to increase access and equity to the Arts programs.

The initiative will include community arts organizations, Madison School District, Overture Center and other community partners. The goal is for this to be a collective impact project. The Education Committee would like to support the Any Given Child Initiative and hope it will work to coordinate with MOST when possible to more efficiently offer access and equity to children's programming.

3. [36478](#) Review of Committee Mission, Charge Focus, Structure, and Develop Goals for 2015

Attachments: [ADOPTED Education Committee Mission and Goals Statement.pdf](#)  
[Initiatives 2-13-13.pdf](#)

Phair stated that in light of new members, Reyes and Pertl, it would be a good time to discuss with all members what you see the committee doing and the value of the committee.

Suggestions for Education Committee include:

- Enhance community partnerships and take them to new levels. Since funding is always scarce we need to collaborate with the resources we do have which may mean creating new partnerships and plans.
- Add language which includes the idea of supporting MMSD students and their families. Acknowledge that they do not all have the resources they need to be successful. Have more events at public schools and make schools a community place. Make this a priority as the committee moves forward.
- Align needs of various schools to save money and do more with less. Mental Health collaboration would be helpful also. Preventive interventions in can be held in schools.
- Streamline the process to clear the path to accomplish our goals and maintain good working relationships.

Bidar-Sielaff left the meeting at 6 pm.

This discussion and next steps will continue at the next meeting.

4. [36518](#) Completion of Statement of Interest Forms

Phair reminded the group to submit their Statement of Interest Forms by January 6, 2015.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hankey, seconded by Pertl to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm.  
Motion passed by voice vote.