



# City of Madison

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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?*

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Wednesday, May 12, 2021

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Linda Vakunta; Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; Christina Gomez Schmidt;  
ananda mirilli; Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd and Heidi Wegleitner  
**Absent:** 1 - Nichelle Nichols

**Staff Present:** Mary O'Donnell (City), Tariq Saqqaf (City), Nathan Beck (City/MMSD), Dr. TJ McCray (MMSD), Dr. Richard McGregory (MMSD)

Mirilli called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

O'Donnell introduced Alder Vidaver to the members.

Vakunta informed group this was her last meeting and Reuben Sanon would take her place as Mayor designee. Vakunta left the meeting to attend the ACRE graduation.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65405](#) Public Comment May 2021

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Bayrd, seconded by Evers to approve the April 14, 2021 minutes.  
Motion passed by voice vote.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

2. [65404](#) Updates from City's Digital Technology Committee and Task Force on Digital Inclusion

Evers and Bayrd discussed task force work. The task force heard presentations from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, DANenet and City Attorney's office. The short-term task force plans is to finalize recommendations by the end of July. This timeline allows recommendations to be included in budget

discussions if needed. Dr. TJ McCray and Dr. Richard McGregory will provide relevant information from MMSD to the task force.

3. [65406](#)

Discuss City COVID Relief and Violence Prevention RFP applications and Community Services Committee recommendations

**Attachments:** [RFP Guidelines](#)  
[Submitted Applications](#)  
[2021 CSC Funding Recommendations](#)

O'Donnell discussed RFP applications submitted to Community Resources for COVID Relief and Violence Prevention. \$1.4 million in funds were requested with \$225,000 available for allocation.

Bayrd will share information on youth employment applications for unfunded programs with the Dane County Executive. The youth employment applications all scored well and the programs address high priority needs in the community. Only one program was recommended for funding due to limited funds available.

MMSD will share Big Idea submissions for ESSER II funding and will provide updates at the next meeting.

4. [65407](#)

Next steps for coordination across City, MMSD and Dane County re: State and Federal Covid relief and stimulus funds

O'Donnell and Mirilli discussed next steps moving forward. The optimum outcome would be a balance of accessing current funds available with long-term goals and funding. Collaboration with City of Madison, Dane County and MMSD will be key.

Motion by Evers, seconded by Wegleitner for City of Madison, Dane County and MMSD to collaborate and engage with local advocates with transparency to optimize federal funds through the American Rescue Plan with a focus on youth services.

Friendly amendment by Mirilli, seconded by Wegleitner to included community needs, the pandemic, community engagement and shared priorities specific to youth.

Updated motion:

For City of Madison, Dane County and MMSD to work collaboratively to address community needs from the pandemic in the utilization of federal funds available through the American Rescue Plan in a transparent process with community engagement addressing our shared priorities of youth employment, mental health, transportation, digital access, and youth and their families who are experiencing homelessness.

**Absent:** 2 - Linda Vakunta and Nichelle Nichols

**Ayes:** 4 - Regina M. Vidaver; Tag Evers; ananda mirilli and Heidi Wegleitner

**Noes:** 1 - Christina Gomez Schmidt

**Abstentions:** 1 - Carousel Andrea S. Bayrd

**Motion passed.**

**Next Steps:**

Staff, committee chair and vice chair will draft a memo sharing motion intent with Mayor, Dane County Executive, MMSD Board and include elected officials on Common Council and Dane County Board of Supervisors.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Evers, seconded by Wegleitner to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.  
Motion passed by voice vote.