



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP

*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, January 20, 2022

3:30 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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**Note: Quorum of the Common Council may be present at this meeting.**

The City of Madison is holding the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Structure of City Government (TFOGS) Final Report Implementation Work Group meeting virtually to help protect our community from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

1. **Written Comments:** You can send comments on agenda items to [TFOGS2@cityofmadison.com](mailto:TFOGS2@cityofmadison.com).

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Meeting ID: 981 6399 9725

### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Others present: Justice Castaneda, City Attorney Mike Haas, Ald. Jael Currie, Ald. Brian Benford, Bonnie Roe

Harrington-McKinney joined the meeting at 3:35pm.

**Present:** 5 - Nasra Wehelie; Grant Foster; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Yannette Figueroa Cole and Keith Furman

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Foster moved, seconded by Wehelie, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021, minutes of the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Structure of City Government Final Report Implementation Work Group. The motion was approved by voice vote/other.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [69369](#) Public Comment (1/20/22)

No members of the public were present wishing to speak.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [69161](#) Board, Committee and Commission Reorganization

The Work Group reviewed and discussed the updated draft of introductory survey questions to guide planning for changes to boards, committees, and commissions (BCCs) provided by Deputy Mayor Baumel. The Chair said he would work with Common Council staff and the Mayor's office to arrange for someone with survey experience to assist with refining the questions.

3. [67380](#) Committee of the Whole meeting related to size and shape of Common Council, and appointments and chair of boards, committees, and commissions
- The Work Group reviewed and discussed the referendum questions one by one to determine which, if any, they wanted to propose to the Common Council for placement on the ballot in 2023:
- \* Question 1: Should the Common Council transition to full-time? The members decided not to propose this question for placement on the ballot in 2023.
- \* Question 2: Should the size of the Common Council stay the same, be reduced, or be increased? Furman moved, seconded by Figueroa Cole, to come back to the next Work Group meeting with verbiage about moving the size of the Common Council to 10. The roll call vote was as follows:  
Furman - aye  
Wehelie - no  
Harrington-McKinney - aye  
Figueroa Cole - aye  
Foster - no  
The motion was approved 3:2.
- \* Question 3: Length of term for Common Council members. Foster moved, seconded by Furman, to come back to the next Work Group meeting with verbiage about increasing the term to four years. The roll call vote was as follows:  
Furman - aye  
Wehelie - aye  
Harrington-McKinney - aye  
Figueroa Cole - aye  
Foster - aye  
The motion was approved 5:0.
- There was no discussion or vote on Question 4.

4. [61664](#) Continue Discussion of TFOGS Recommendations
- There was no discussion on this agenda item.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Figueroa Cole moved, seconded by Foster, to adjourn. The motion was approved by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.

- [61246](#) Documents related to the AD HOC TASK FORCE ON THE STRUCTURE OF CITY GOVERNMENT (TFOGS) FINAL REPORT IMPLEMENTATION WORK GROUP