



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved 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, December 14, 2022

5:30 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Linda Vakunta; Tag Evers; Richard McGregory; Nichelle Nichols; Maia E. Pearson; Jacob Wright and Heidi Wegleitner

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Myadze

**Others Present:** Mary O'Donnell (City), Tariq Saqqaf (City), Janet Dyer (MSCR), Christine Bergan (CESA 2)

Wegleitner called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Evers, seconded by Wright to approve the October 12, 2022 minutes.  
Motion passed.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [75134](#) Public Comment Education Committee Dec 2022

None.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

3. [74531](#) Update on MMSD Budget Amendment and Continued Discussion of Driver's Ed program

This item moved to the first new business item. Motion by Wright, seconded by Evers to move item 3 to be the first new business item discussed. Motion passed.

Janet Dyer, Executive Director of MSCR, and Christine Bergan, Director of Drivers Education with CESA 2, shared updates. The MMSD/MSCR Driver's Ed Scholarship program began in 2015. 50 students participated in 2015 from East and West high schools. In 2019, 120 students participated, 30 from each of the four high schools.

Barriers to serving more students include a shortage of eligible instructors for the behind the wheel portion and COVID protocols. The state defunded Driver's Education programs in schools under Governor Thompson. Schools then

stopped offering courses. Driver's Education instructors for CESA 2 must follow DPI licensing qualifications. Other private companies offer behind the wheel courses, but are significantly more expensive. Students are falling behind, as a driver's license is part of the employment track.

Nichols discussed the MMSD Board of Education budget amendment that included \$100,000 in ESSR funds for Driver's Education. Dyer and Bergan can provide further information as requested. Committee members and staff will continue to focus on this issue.

2. [74530](#) Review and discuss any feedback following communication of Education Committee priorities to MMSD, City and County elected bodies

**This was the second New Business item discussed.**

Wegleitner discussed the letter sent to the three entities. The committee discussed preparing budget recommendations early in 2023 to align with budget timelines.

4. [74532](#) Updates on relevant budget amendments from City and County representatives

Evers put forth a \$160,000 amendment to the City Council for additional young adult/adult employment through CDD- Community Resources but it did not pass.

Wegleitner discussed the county amendments that passed including 9% COLA increases, Driver's Education funding, school based mental health, affordable housing and homeless shelters.

5. [74533](#) Discuss and Define Education Committee meeting format

The committee previously voted on virtual meetings as the default format through third quarter 2022. A motion by Vakunta, seconded by Wright to keep meeting format virtual through 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

6. [75136](#) 2023 Education Committee Schedule

**Attachments:** [2023 Draft Education Committee Schedule](#)

The April date will be determined at the January meeting. The April meeting cannot be the second Wednesday as it falls on Passover. Committee members will look at election dates and calendars to determine best time to meet.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wright, seconded by Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 pm.  
Motion passed.