

# Milwaukee County Commission on Youth

OVERVIEW



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# Description

- ▶ **Resolution 22-662:**
  - ▶ Amends Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances
  - ▶ Re-establishes the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and updates its duties and powers to align with the mission and vision of Milwaukee County to achieve racial equity.



# Purpose



- ▶ The Milwaukee County Commission on Youth (“Commission”) was created to serve as a representative body for youth in Milwaukee County government.
- ▶ The Commission works in partnership with the County Board and the County Executive to:
  - ▶ Serve and advance the interests of Milwaukee County youth;
  - ▶ Make advisory recommendations about policy and budgetary decisions to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors; and
  - ▶ Advance the County’s mission of achieving racial equity.

# Duties & Powers

1. Draft, adopt, and amend governing bylaws

2. Receive program proposals from youth groups and allocate funds

3. Review policy and budget proposals that impact youth

4. Assess the effectiveness of County programs and services

5. Provide annual report of activities to the Board of Supervisors

6. Promote an annual "Take A Child to Work Day"

7. Advise the County Board and the County Executive

# Structure

## ▶ **Qualifications (at the time of selection):**

- ▶ Resident of Milwaukee County;
- ▶ Have achieved high school status;
- ▶ Currently attend high school or alternative school; and
- ▶ Have met other qualification criteria as established by the Commission under 106.04.

## ▶ **Composition:**

- ▶ The Commission shall be made up of at least 20 youth including:
  - ▶ At least one Commissioner per supervisory district
  - ▶ County Board Chairperson appointee will serve as co-chair
  - ▶ County Executive appointee will serve as co-chair



# Structure

## ▶ Terms:

- ▶ **Half** of the Inaugural Commissioners, or the best approximation thereof, shall be appointed to terms that **end January 1, 2024**, and the **balance** shall be appointed to terms that **end January 1, 2025**.
- ▶ Commissioners selected to serve on **subsequent commissions** on youth shall serve a **maximum of (2) two-year terms**.



# Support

## ▶ Adult Advisors

### ▶ Appointments:

- ▶ County Board Chairperson appoints two (2) adult advisors, one (1) of which shall be a County Supervisor
- ▶ The County Executive (CEX) appoints two (2) adult advisors
- ▶ The Commission appoints one (1) adult advisor

### ▶ Terms:

- ▶ One of the adult advisors appointed by the County Board Chairperson and one of the adult advisors appointed by the CEX will serve one (1) year initially
- ▶ The terms of the remaining three (3) adult advisors
- ▶ The terms of all adult advisors appointed subsequently shall be two (2) years
- ▶ Adult advisors may be reappointed to subsequent terms



# Support

- ▶ **Adult Advisors Continued**

- ▶ **Responsibilities:**

- ▶ Assist in coordinating all training for the Youth Commission
    - ▶ Attend meetings of the Commission as well as meetings of the committees to which they are assigned
    - ▶ Adult advisors have no voting privileges and serve only in an advisory capacity

- ▶ **Departments**

- ▶ The County Clerk provides staffing assistance to the Commission and ensure facilitation of its meetings and adherence to open meeting requirements
  - ▶ All departments and divisions of County government assist with and support the activities of the Commission
  - ▶ Office of Strategy, Budget, & Performance administers the budget for the Commission, including technology, meals and transportation for in-person meetings, and modest participation stipends



## Initial Selection Committee

- Upon adoption of the ordinance, an Initial Selection Committee (ISC) is jointly appointed by the County Executive and the County Board Chairperson
- ISC consists of two adults and three youth (age 18 or under)
- **Goal: Inaugural Commissioners are confirmed by December 30, 2022**



## Inaugural Commission

- Initial Selection Committee submits appointments to the County Board for confirmation
- Once seated, inaugural Commissioners constitute a Selection Committee of not less than five (5) Commissioners
- **Terms ending January 1, 2024 (one-year term), and January 1, 2025 (two-year term)**



## Subsequent Commissions

- **Applications Open:**  
September 1-30
- **Verifications and Interviews:**  
October 1-31
- **Commissioner Selection:**  
November 1-30
- **Recommendations to Board of Supervisors & Confirmation:**  
December 1-31
- **Two-year terms run January 2-January 1 (per resolution)**