

**COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE**  
Inter-Office Communication

Date: June 24, 2026

To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Nicholas Sinram, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance

Subject: From the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance, requesting confirmation of Milwaukee County Youth Commissioners to represent vacant supervisory districts and provide Youth Commission program updates.

File Type: Action Report

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**REQUEST**

The Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance (SBP) requests confirmation of the Milwaukee County Youth Commissioners to represent vacant districts 1, 6, 8 and 17. This item also provides an update on the Milwaukee County Youth Commission program activities and accomplishments.

**POLICY**

This update is being provided pursuant to File [22-662](#), "To modify Chapter 106 of the Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances to reestablish the Milwaukee County Commission on Youth and align its priorities with Milwaukee County's mission and vision to achieve racial equity..."

In addition, the [2023 Adopted Budget](#) required, "Status updates, reports, and proposed resolutions relative to the work of the Commission on Youth and efforts to collaborate with intergovernmental partners shall be provided for review by the County Board when necessary [page 214]."

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| Wisconsin State Statutes:                    | N/A         |
| Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances: | Chapter 106 |
| Specific Adopted Budget:                     | 2023        |
| Specific Adopted Budget Amendment:           | N/A         |
| Specific Adopted Capital Project:            | N/A         |

**BACKGROUND**

Per file [22-662](#) 106.03 – Selection of Commissioners, the "commission on youth will appoint from within its ranks a selection committee of not less than five (5) commissioners". Based on the criteria set in file 22-662, the selection committee unanimously recommended seven Youth Commissioners to fill the vacant supervisory districts and are now requested for confirmation by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors as outlined in Table A: Milwaukee County Youth Commissioners Requesting Board Confirmation.

**Table A: Milwaukee County Youth Commissioners Requesting Board Confirmation**

| District | Selected Candidate         | Term                            |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1        | Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon | April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027 |
| 6        | Jonathan Foersterling      | April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027 |
| 8        | Miles Braatz               | April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027 |
| 17       | Ravneet Kaur               | April 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027 |

### **2025 - 2026 Program Updates**

Youth Commissioners are responsible for attending monthly meetings as well as participating in one of two established standing committee meetings, which are the Advocacy and Community Engagement Committee and the Governance, Finance and Evaluation Committee.

*Leadership.* The Youth Commission is led by two co-chairs, appointed by the County Executive and the Chairwoman. For the 2025 – 2026 program, Sarah Bruett was appointed by the Chairwoman and Sean Libal was appointed by the County Executive. The Governance, Finance, and Evaluation committee was led by Jhuablai Thao, Kyree Dunn, and Augie Baum. The Advocacy and Community Engagement committee was led by Eva Vang, Trinity Powell, and Emilio Ramirez.

*Program Support.* The Youth Commission is supported by program staff and five adult advisors appointed by the County Executive, Chairwoman and the Youth Commission to ensure a successful programming, training, and opportunities to connect with County Supervisors. The County Executive re-appointed Alderwoman Moore and Nichole Todd, the Chairwoman re-appointed Supervisor Vincent and newly appointed Supervisor Roundtree, and the Youth Commission re-appointed Nicolasa Alamilla. Milwaukee County previously contracted with an external operating partner. In 2026, the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance hired two Project Management Interns, Brody Kaminski, a previous Youth Commissioner, and Alivia Allen, a former County Executive Intern.

*2025 Microgrant.* Annually, the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved funds for the Youth Commission to provide microgrants that align with the policy areas of youth experiencing housing instability, youth wellness, and civic engagement. The Youth Commission unanimously approved a microgrant of \$35,000 to Pathfinders. In January, the Youth Commission organized a press conference to raise awareness of the Pathfinders work in Milwaukee County.

*Action Plans & Committee Work.* The Youth Commission standing committees developed program year action plans that include the mission of the committee, goals of the committee and outlining necessary activities to achieve the committee goals. Accomplishments include:

- Organize and lead youth commissioner orientation and swearing-in ceremony with contributions from Sean Libal and Sarah Bruett.
- Annual review of the Youth Commission bylaws.
- Distribution of a survey to engage Milwaukee County youth. Youth Commissioners Kennedy Slaasted, Joselyn Garcia Molohua, and Evan Vang contributed community resources for the survey.

- Distribution of a youth community survey that was distributed countywide and development of updated Youth Commission bylaws.
- Supported the development of Milwaukee County Future State recommendations by providing feedback to the Office of Strategy, Budget and Performance during two meetings.

**Community Events.** Youth Commissioners attend community events to connect with Milwaukee County youth and the Board of Supervisors. In 2026, Youth Commissioners attended the following events:

- Sarah Bruett marched in the **Pride Parade** and was part of the team that introduced the County Executive at the **2026 State of the County**.
- Sarah Bruett, Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon, and Ravneet Kaur served as panelists in the Milwaukee County **Vision Celebration 2026** – What the Next Generation is Telling Us and Why We Should Listen event.
- Sean Libal, Aundrea-Claire Jones-Dixon, Jhuablai Thao, Ravneet Kaur, and Jonathan Foersterling marched in the **Juneteenth Day Parade**.
- Dallas Hortman-Garner, Sean Libal, Jhuablai Thao, Eva Vang, and Jonathan Foersterling attended and assisted at the **2026 Take a Child to Work Day** event.
- Sarah Bruett, Sean Libal, Kyree Dunn, Joselyn Garcia-Molohua, Trinity Powell, Eva Vang, and Jhuablai Thao attended the **Microgrant Press Conference** at Pathfinders.

#### Term Completion

The following Youth Commissioners' terms will end on August 31, 2026 (Table C: Youth Commissioners that Completed Program). The Youth Commissioners are celebrated at a closing ceremony in which they receive a certification of completion and a proclamation highlighting their accomplishments.

**Table C: Youth Commissioners who Completed Program**

| District | Youth Commissioner    | Term                                                 |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Co-Chair | Sean Libal            | January 2, 2026 – August 31, 2026 (final of 3 terms) |
| 2        | Dallas Hortman-Garner | September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026                  |
| 3        | Augie Baum            | September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2026                  |
| 4        | Kennedy Slaasted      | January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026                    |
| 9        | Abhi Ghelani          | January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026                    |
| 11       | Sofia Linares         | September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026                  |
| 12       | Elijah Sarsour        | May 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026                        |
| 13       | Kyree Dunn            | January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026                    |
| 14       | Emilio Ramirez        | September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026                  |
| 18       | Eva Vang              | January 2, 2025 – August 31, 2026                    |

**2026 Remaining Activities**

*Closing Ceremony.* The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and members of the public are invited to attend the closing ceremony on July 8, 2026, starting at 6:00 PM at Marcia P. Coggs Health and Human Services. The event will recognize the Youth Commissioners whose terms end in August 2026, and the adult advisors and program staff who commit to a successful program. Further details will be posted on the [County Legislative Information Center](#) prior to the event.

*Recruitment.* The Youth Commission has started to recruit for the impending vacant districts 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18. Interested individuals can apply [here](#) to begin serving on the Youth Commission in September 2026. The Youth Commission will organize a press conference in July, and the selection committee will go through a rigorous process to identify the next Youth Commissioners. In September, the program will begin with a Swearing-in Ceremony and orientation.

*2026 Microgrant & Budget Recommendations.* The Youth Commission will allocate up to \$35,000 in microgrants that align with the three policy areas by November. Annually, the Youth Commission reviews the Milwaukee County budget to ensure resources align with its three priority areas and support youth. Youth Commissioners work with the departments and leadership to review the proposed budget and attend Board hearings and meetings.

*2026 Health Equity Champion Awards.* The Milwaukee County Office of Equity invited the Youth Commission to partner on the Health Equity Champion Awards. The Youth Commission will support the Equity in Action Youth Leadership award for an individual ages 13-18 who speaks up for fairness, helps others, and works to make Milwaukee County more inclusive.

Additional information related to the Milwaukee County Youth Commission is available at [County of Milwaukee | Milwaukee County | Youth Commission](#).

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Milwaukee County Youth Commission and SBP recommend the confirmation of the Milwaukee County Youth Commissioners to represent vacant districts 1, 6, 8, and 17 (see Table A).

**FISCAL EFFECT**

Costs associated with the operations and program budget for the Milwaukee County Youth Commission have been approved in the 2026 Adopted Budget.

**TERMS**

N/A

**VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES**

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**ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the strategic plan:

1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government

1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

**APPROVED BY:**

Nick Sinram, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget, & Performance

**ATTACHMENTS:**

RESOLUTION

FISCAL NOTE

PRESENTATION

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