



Milwaukee County Revised Meeting Agenda

Milwaukee County Youth Commission Committee of the Whole

Co-Chairs- Marianna Taylor & D'Mario Cockfield, Sarah Bruett (1st), Victor Essoka (2nd), Augie Baum (3rd), Kennedy Slaastad (4th), Jhuablai Thao (5th), Brody Kaminski (6th), Ezran Anastas (7th), Jayden Maholmes (8th), Abhi Ghelani (9th), Keith Neely (10th), Ansh Paranjyia (11th), Vacant (12th), Kyree Dunn (13th); Ben Elko (14th), Sean Libal (15th), Bradley Rhode (16th), Zenia Shaker (17th), and Eva Vang (18th).

Adult Advisors

Nicolasa Alamilla, Deon Cannon, Nichole Todd, Sup. Kathleen Vincent

Administrative Coordinator

Julia Balestrieri

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

5:30 PM

County Board Room

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting will be held in the County Board Room and will be live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: [Milwaukee County - Milwaukee County Youth Commission \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com)

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1. Acknowledgement of Commitment (Action Item)

Resolved:

Every Youth Commissioner acknowledges and accepts the full commitment of serving on the Milwaukee County Youth Commission, including:

- *Participating in a minimum of 4 of 5 committee meetings;*
- *Participating in a minimum of 9 of 11 Committee of the Whole meetings;*
- *Checking our Milwaukee County email and calendar twice each week;*
- *Promptly RSVPing for all meetings, activities, and special events;*
- *Completing all requests for information and response **by the indicated deadline;***
- *Completing community service hours as determined by the Committee of the Whole;*
- *Participating in Youth Commission social events as our schedule allows;*
- *Participating in as many special events as possible (some will be required), including, but not limited to: Behind the Scenes events with Chairwoman Nicholson and County Executive Crowley, Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Legislative Conference, Youth Advocacy Day at the Capitol, Youth Day at*

the Courthouse, events in partnership with County Supervisors, Annual Public Budget Hearing, and Youth Commission-sponsored events.

- *Authoring a minimum of one resolution;*
- *Co-sponsoring a minimum of four resolutions; and*
- *Maintaining quarterly updates to our district-focused page on the Milwaukee County website.*

2. 2025 Committee Assignments (Information Only)

The Co-Chairs have determined the following committee assignments and chair/vice chair and communications officer appointments for the 2025 Term:

Governance, Finance, & Evaluation

Chair: Sean P. Libal- 15

1st Vice Chair: Sarah Bruett- 1

2nd Vice Chair: Victor Essoka- 2

Members: D'Mario Cockfield- CEX Co-Chair; Ezran Anastas- 7 (Emeritus); Jhuablai Thao- 5; Jayden Maholmes- 8; Abhi Ghelani- 9; Keith Neely, Jr.- 10; and Kyree Dunn- 13

Community Engagement & Racial Justice

Chair- Ben Elko- 14

1st Vice Chair: Brody Kaminski- 6

2nd Vice Chair: Zenia Shaker- 17

Members: Marianna Taylor- Board Chairperson Co-Chair; Augie Baum- 3; Kennedy Slaasted- 4; Ansh Paranjia- 11; Bradley Rhode- 16; and Eva Vang- 18

NOTE: Individuals who are not assigned to a leadership position may apply to be the Communications Officer by no later than January 31, 2025 (form sent via email).

3. Action Plan Overview (Information Only)

a. Governance, Finance, & Evaluation

- Present three Youth Excellence Awards annually to recognize and promote community work that is aligned with the Youth Commission's identified priorities (non-monetary);
- Administer microgrants up to \$5,000 per entity for community work that is aligned with the Youth Commission's identified priorities;
- Coordinate the Day of Advocacy at the State Capitol- Spring 2025; and
- *Additional responsibilities: Meeting and presentation content for Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) conferences (February and September).*

b. Community Engagement & Racial Justice

- Work with the Youth Action Board of the Milwaukee County Continuum of Care (CoC), coordinated by Pathfinders, to help eliminate youth homelessness;
- Work with Milwaukee County Parks and health & Human Services Departments and the Milwaukee Parks Foundation to provide opportunities to increase youth mental wellness through Parks-based activities/events;

- Work with the Milwaukee County Clerk’s Office and Office of Equity to provide educational opportunities to middle school and high school aged youth; and
- *Additional responsibilities: Planning the annual Take a Child to Work Day (4th Thursday in April).*

4. Action Plan- Planning Committee Assignments (Information Only)

- Four positions total on each planning committee
- Planning committee members receive VIP status, to be announced
- All Youth Commissioners who are not in a leadership position are encouraged to apply
- Will accept EITHER the 1st or 2nd Vice Chair
- **Apply by no later than January 31, 2025 (form sent via email)**

5. 2025 & 2026 Recruitment, Application, & Selection Dates (Action Item)

Resolved:

The Youth Commission enacts the following dates for recruitment, application, and selection for the 2025 and 2026 Terms:

Dates	Activities
March 1, 2025	Recruitment for September 2025, January 2026, and September 2026 terms begin. <i>Open as of September 1, 2025- D6, D8, D14, D16, Board Chairperson Co-Chair</i> <i>Open as of January 1, 2026- D1 and D17; CEX Co-Chair</i> <i>Open as of September 1, 2026- D2, D3, D4, D5, D11, D18</i> <i>For reference: D7 and D9 are filled until September 1, 2027</i>
March 1, 2025	Application opens for September 1, 2025 and January 1, 2026 term start dates
May 1, 2025	Application submission deadline for September 1, 2025 term start
May 1-15, 2025	Applications are scored for September 1, 2025 term start
June 11, 2025	Selected candidates for September 1, 2025 term start appear before the Committee on Government, Finance, & Evaluation
	Confirmation of September 1, 2025 term start applicants by Committee on Government, Finance, & Evaluation
June 25, 2025	Confirmation of September 1, 2025 term start Youth Commissioners by Committee of the Whole
August 1, 2025	Application submission deadline for January 1, 2025 (this only applies to D1 and D17: possible term dates are EITHER January 1-August 31, 2026 OR January 1, 2025-August 31, 2027, depending on eligibility)

August 2025	Oath of Office & Onboarding for September 1, 2025 New Youth Commissioners
September 2025	Confirmation of September 1, 2025 New Youth Commissioners by the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations (IGR) & Board of Supervisors
September 3, 2025	Confirmation of January 1, 2026 term start applicants by Committee on Government, Finance, & Evaluation
September 17, 2025	Confirmation of January 1, 2026 term start Youth Commissioners by Committee of the Whole
TBA	Dates for September 1, 2026 term

6. Open Forum (time permitting)

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation requests:

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 278-3932 (voice) or 711 (TRS), upon receipt of this notice.