

Dear Members of the Judiciary, Law Enforcement and General Services Committee-

I apologize that I cannot speak on behalf of my proposed Resolution 24-486 due to my work commitment. I respectfully request that Supervisor Sky Capriolo or Juan Miguel Martinez read my letter in support of this resolution.

I am writing to express my full support for the proposal to change the start time of board meetings from 9:30 AM to noon. This adjustment would enable greater participation from the working public, including those with full-time jobs, and accommodate supervisors who also have other professional commitments.

By shifting the start time to noon, individuals who work traditional 9-5 schedules would find it much more feasible to attend these crucial meetings. This inclusivity is essential for ensuring that the voices of all members of our community are heard and represented in the decision-making processes of the county board.

Moreover, considering our part-time status as supervisors, many of us hold full-time employment outside of our board duties. Beginning meetings at noon would alleviate the strain of balancing professional commitments and civic responsibilities, ensuring that all supervisors can fully participate in the governance of our county.

Additionally, considering that the average meeting duration is no more than 4.5 hours, this adjustment would still allow for ample time to address the necessary agenda items while ensuring that proceedings conclude by 5 PM. This change not only promotes accessibility but also respects the time and commitments of both board members and the public alike.

Ultimately, transitioning to a noon start time aligns with the principles of transparency, accessibility, and efficiency that are vital for fostering a more engaged and participatory local government. I urge you to give serious consideration to this proposal and enact the necessary changes to benefit the entire Milwaukee community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Supervisor Kathleen Vincent

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