



Milwaukee County Meeting Minutes

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), Elijah Sarsour (12th), Kyree Dunn (13th), Ben Elko (14th), Sean Libal (15th), Vacant (16th), Zenia Shaker (17th), and Eva Vang (18th).

Adult Advisors

Nicolasa Alamilla, Deon Canon, Ald. Sharlen P. Moore, Nichole Todd, Sup. Kathleen Vincent

Operating Partner

Teneen Rucker, Safe & Sound, Inc.

Administrative Coordinator

Julia Balestrieri

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30 PM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams

HYBRID MEETING

HYBRID MEETING: This meeting will be held in Room 203-R and live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: [Milwaukee County - Milwaukee County Youth Commission \(legistar.com\)](https://legistar.com/locations/milwaukee-county-youth-commission/)

CALL TO ORDER: 5:36 PM

ROLL CALL:

Present: Baum, Bruett, Dunn, Elko, Kaminski, Neely, Paranjyia, Sarsour, Shaker, Thao, Bang, Cockfield, Taylor

Absent: Anastas, Essoka, Ghelani, Libal, Maholmes, Slaasted

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation by Aaron Hertzberg, Director of the Department of Administrative Services, Milwaukee County **(Informational Only)**

Aaron Hertzberg, Director of the Department of Administrative Services for Milwaukee County, Presented to the youth commission. Mr. Hertzberg began his presentation by introducing himself. He is a native of Racine and attend Park high school. Mr. Hertzberg talked about his career path, he worked in non-profit and Government leadership, Community and Economic Development. He has spent the last 7 years with Milwaukee County. Me. Hertzberg spoke about the county budget as a refresher for the commissioners. He spoke about the vision and the mission of the Department of Administrative Services. He presented how the Department of

Administrative Services is broken down from the county executive to his role as the Director. Mr. Hertzberg spoke about a day in the life of his role as the Director. He highlighted the following areas of his job:

Coaching/supporting staff

Reviewing Budgets

Political Analysis (how to get something approved)

Elected officials

Partner Organizations

Negotiations

Preparing reports

Thinking/planning

Touring properties

Mr. Hertzberg spoke about the DAS in action projects that were on going as well as upcoming projects.

Mr. Hertzberg ended his presentation with opening the floor for questions.

Only a few Commissioners asked questions as to the new information that was presented today.

2. Presentation by Bridget Whitaker, Executive Director, and Teneen Rucker, Program Manager, of Safe & Sound, Youth Commission Operating Partner (Informational Only)

Operating partners Safe and Sound, Inc. presentation was presented by Associate Director Danille Johnson and Programs Manager Teneen Rucker. Safe and Sound staff presented who they are as the operating partners. Safe and Sound presented their Mission and Vision statement to the commissioners. They spoke about their community narrative, what they do and what neighborhoods they do it in. They spoke about their theory of change model: community organizing +youth development + law enforcement = results. They talked about their approach from their theory to neighborhood teams' approach and their collective impact results. They highlighted their programs and initiatives as well as their Civic engagement approach. They spoke about their youth organizing, as well their community events and Their safety approach Safer, Stronger together which focuses on their STACIE which stands for Support, Transparency, Authenticity, Collaboration, Integrity, Excellence.

3. Presentation by Commissioner Brody Kaminski, Milwaukee County Youth Commission, 6th District (Informational Only)

Youth Commissioner Kaminski presented his plan for homeless youth in the city. Time ran out so there was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07PM.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. Recruitment Update by Safe & Sound
5. Youth Commission Action Item Process Update
6. Excellence in Youth Action Non-Monetary Awards Reminder
7. 2025 Summer Activities Preview/Reminder

OPEN FORUM (Time Permitting)

ADJOURNMENT: 7:07PM

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodation requests:

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