

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
Inter-Office Communication

Date: February 9, 2024

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

From: Joe Lamers, Director, Office of Strategy, Budget & Performance

Subject: From the Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance, and the Co-Chairpersons, Milwaukee County Commission on Youth, providing an action report presenting the individuals selected by the Milwaukee County Youth Commission to represent the 2nd and 11th Districts on the Milwaukee County Youth Commission in 2024, as well as an update about the activities of the Youth Commission.

File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

At the time this report is being submitted, the Youth Commission has selected two candidates to represent the 2nd and 11th Districts on the Milwaukee County Youth Commission in 2024 and is seeking confirmation of these candidates by the Board of Supervisors:

District	Selected Candidate	Term
2	Marianna Taylor	January 2, 2024 (prorated)- January 1, 2026
11	Genevieve Skibicki	January 2, 2024 (prorated)- January 1, 2025

We are continuing to recruit to fill the three remaining vacancies in Districts 3, 8, and 17 as soon as possible. Recruitment for the 2025 term will begin three months earlier than previous years, in May of 2024, and the application period will open in August to increase awareness and applications.

Since its last report to the Board of Supervisors, the Youth Commission has taken the following actions:

- Volunteered at Breakfast with Santa at the King Center and Hunger Task Force in December of 2023;
- Held its completion and swearing in ceremonies in December of 2023 and January of 2024, respectively;
- Participated in the 2024 Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Legislative Conference with Chairwoman Nicholson and Supervisors Martin and Johnson,

and met with Governor Evers, County Executive Crowley, and Milwaukee Area Legislators at the State Capitol on February 7, 2024;

- Developed action plans for both standing committees; and
- Respectfully requested two changes to the Milwaukee County General Ordinances (through Adult Advisor Sup. Vincent);
 - Eliminate requirement that the Board of Supervisors must confirm new Youth Commissioners to reduce delays for onboarding new Commissioners (especially for vacancies in current terms); and
 - Add an at-large seat to the Youth Commission for an individual who is age 14-18 and actively attending high school but is experiencing housing insecurity and cannot apply to serve in a specific district.

County Executive Crowley appointed Byron Marshall and Chairwoman Nicholson re-appointed Supervisor Kathleen Vincent as Adult Advisors for the 2024 term. The Youth Commission is seeking a fifth volunteer Adult Advisor; the application is available on the Youth Commission website.

Upcoming events (at the time of report submission) include:

- Coffee with Crowley on February 17, 2024
- Volunteering at The Gathering on March 2, 2024
- Team building/retreat at the South Shore Pavilion on April 20, 2024

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

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)

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

The resolution to re-establish the Milwaukee County Youth Commission was authored

by Chairwoman Nicholson and County Executive David Crowley and co-sponsored by Supervisors Sequanna Taylor, Martin, Clancy, Vincent, and Burgelis. It was passed unanimously by both the Committee on Intergovernmental Relations and the Board of Supervisors in May of 2022.

Related File No's:	23-13
Associated File No's (Including Transfer Packets):	N/A
Previous Action Date(s):	5/15/22, 5/26/22, 11/28/22, 3/6/23, 5/8/23, 9/21/23, 12/21/23

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

The Milwaukee County Youth Commission aligns to the following strategic objectives:

1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
The Youth Commission will increase the diversity of age and life experience at the highest level of Milwaukee County government, providing a valuable perspective that is currently missing from decision-making processes.

1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
The Youth Commission will help to make our legislative process more inclusive, especially since young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to participate in the voting process to choose our elected leaders.

3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities
The Youth Commission embodies the diversity of Milwaukee County, bringing together young people who will represent their respective districts, but will get to learn from and interact with their peers from other areas.

FISCAL EFFECT

Costs associated with the operations and program budget for the Milwaukee County Youth Commission have been approved in the 2024 Adopted Budget.

TERMS

N/A

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Milwaukee County Resolution/Ordinance 22-662 Re-establishment of the Youth Commission](#)

[Milwaukee County - Meeting of Committee on Intergovernmental Relations on 5/17/2022 at 1:30 PM \(legistar.com\)](#)

[Milwaukee County - Meeting of Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors on 5/26/2022 at 9:30 AM \(legistar.com\)](#)

cc: Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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