



Minutes - January 22, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:02 p.m.

Roll Call:

Committee Members Present: Supervisor Wilson; Supervisor Sutterlin; Supervisor Towns; Mark Dykstra; Max Olson arrived at 4:05pm.

Committee Members Absent: Mary Gut; Julie Grandeffo

Staff Members Present: Andrea Wolf, Administrative Professional III.

Others Present: Erin Conway, UW Ext. arrived at 4:57pm

Approval of Agenda: Citizen Representative Mark Dykstra moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes:

January 8, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes:

Citizen Representative Mark Dykstra moved to approve January 8, 2025, Minutes, second by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Towns questioned the February 12th date from the previous meeting. Supervisor Wilson mentioned the community event for meeting potential candidates for Rock County's County Administrator at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center at 6:00PM.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action: Max Olson arrived at 4:05 to the meeting.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Pilot Project calendar

: The committee discussed possible dates for orientation. The committee also discussed the next meeting date and time for February 5th at 4:30.

Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Participant application process, forms, and materials

: The committee discussed the application process for the pilot program, focusing on the essay question and the structure of the application form. They decided to include an online application option. They also discussed the need for a letter of recommendation and how to include applicants from public school, private school and home-schooled students. The committee reviewed the

application form and made the necessary changes. Supervisor Wilson suggested having department heads at the orientation or providing a video describing the work they do for the county.

Discussion and Possible Action on Applicant Review Process

: The committee discussed the applicant review process, with a focus on fairness and the potential need for a blind review. Max was questioned about applying for the program and if he would continue on the committee if he chose to apply.

Discussion and Possible Action on potential host committees

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Mentorship recruitment process, requirements, and forms

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Orientation process, content, and schedule

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Pilot Project Handbook Components

: This item was not discussed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for additional resources needed and next steps

: This item was not discussed.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, February 12, 2025: The committee decided on February 5th, 2025, at 4:30 PM.

Adjournment: Citizen representative Mark Dykstra moved adjournment at 5:02, second by Citizen representative Max Olson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wolf
Administrative Professional III

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