



Minutes - November 5, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:30 pm.

Roll Call: Roll Call: Committee Members Present: Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson, Mary Gut

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Towns, Julie Grandeffo

Staff Members Present: Brad Meier

Others Present: Lauryn Carratt

Approval of Agenda: Max Olson moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED

Approval of Minutes:

October 1, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes: Mark Dykstra moved approval of the October 1, 2025 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Update on County Board Action – Authorizing Ongoing Youth in Governance program:

Review of Resolution for the Establishment of an Ongoing Rock County Youth in Governance Program: Supervisor Wilson shared that the Youth in Governance resolution had a lot of county support, as it passed the committee and then the full County Board with only 2 negative votes, so there will be a Youth in Governance program for the 2026-2027 program year, which will begin in April 2026 and end April 2027. Establishing the January date for the field trip was mentioned and details will be discussed later on in the agenda.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Youth in Governance calendar: Supervisor Wilson shared the few calendar changes that had been made to the document in the agenda packet, such as the resolution passing and field trip dates in January.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on 2026-2027 YIG Recruitment Process: Supervisor Wilson introduced the packet attachment document of Rock county schools and youth-related organizations in Rock county. Committee discussion ensued about recruitment and adding additions to the list. Topics included: making sure recruitment efforts reach youth internship programs, social studies teachers, radio and news media, academies, Hispanic channels, and home school associations.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on 2026-2027 YIG Recruitment Materials: The committee reviewed and discussed the application form questions and content. Topics include a tentative date for the orientation, May 9th or 16th were discussed, and the availability to host the orientation at the DWRC.

Max Olson moved approval to tentatively schedule the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program orientation, on either May 9 or May 16, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED. Discussion continued to include topics such as: allowing previous YIG participants to participate in additional Youth in Governance programs if room allows, question language changes, committee participation, starting the program in April to include the organizational County Board meeting, and the application submission due date, email address and location to receive submissions.

Mark Dykstra moved approval of the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program application form, as discussed and to proceed with preparing the electronic version of the form, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on a January Field Trip to the Wisconsin Capitol:

Supervisor Wilson shared that he was looking to get the Wisconsin Capitol field trip to happen in January 2026 rather than November or December 2025 to avoid the busy holiday season. Discussion ensued to identify the Wisconsin Capitol field trip objectives, so planning can begin in preparation. Topics included: a WCA presentation on what they do and the differences between county and state governments; meeting with state representatives that are associated with Rock County; hearing the occupations and backgrounds of the area legislators, other positions they have held and why they want to be legislators; visit a session in action; strategies for making legislative change; and have both party representation. WCA should be asked if they have any recommendations for things to read/listen to/watch prior to the visit.

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

There was no discussion about this item.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, December 3, 2025 –

4:30 PM: The committee agreed that the next meeting would be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, December 3, 2025.

Adjournment: Max Olson moved to adjourn at 5:15 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the minutes: Brad Meier

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