



Minutes - January 7, 2026

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

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

Committee Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: Brad Meier

Others Present: none

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

Approval of Minutes:

November 5, 2025, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes: Max Olson moved approval of the November 5, 2026 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Review, Discussion and Possible Action revising and/or refining Youth in Governance calendar:

Supervisor Wilson shared that the calendar in the packet needs to have the field trip dates added once that has been determined, as well as having the orientation dates updated to include the tentative dates in May, per committee input from last meeting, but otherwise is up-to-date.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on 2026-2027 YIG Recruitment Process and Progress to

Date: Supervisor Wilson started by acknowledging the help and effort of Brad Meier and Chrissy Wen (UW Extension - Rock County) in helping get the website and the application forms updated and ready for the new program year recruitment. Supervisor Wilson went on to share that he's collected a fairly comprehensive list of contacts within the county (including local schools, Social Studies teachers, principals, home school parent's associations, charter schools, academies, etc.), including local media. Supervisor Wilson has reached out to them, asking for their help getting the word out to the students about this year's program. Deadline for application submission is February 27, 2026. The

committee discussed the participant application that was included in the agenda packet, and various changes to the form.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Field Trip to the Wisconsin Capitol: Supervisor Wilson shared that the field trip is in the works but the date has not been determined yet. The committee discussed the program budget, field trip timing, and transportation costs, trip activities, and details.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Recruitment of 2026 – 2027 Supervisor mentors: Supervisor Wilson shared that he's had conversations with the County Administrator about getting the new Ad Hoc Youth in Governance committee members determined before April, and they agreed to start promoting the Ad Hoc Youth in Governance committee registration right away. The committee discussed the candidates list for Rock County Board of Supervisors and the challenges of identifying the supervisor mentors during election years. The committee discussed recruitment and agreed to start recruiting the supervisors that were running unopposed in the upcoming election and were interested in being part of the Youth in Governance program. The committee also discussed getting a question added to the County Board Chair's committee interest form, to ask whether the supervisor would be interested in being part of the Youth in Governance program.

Discussion and Possible Action on Requests for additional resources needed and next steps: Supervisor Wilson shared that the Youth in Governance program website page contains information about the program and the application forms. The committee reviewed and discussed the application form, the application review process, and the applicant evaluation forms for use by the committee. The committee also discussed having promotional materials distributed to the schools and local libraries.

Determination of Next Meeting Date and Time – tentatively Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – 4:30 PM: The committee agreed that the next meeting would be at 4:30pm, Wednesday, February 4, 2026.

Adjournment: Mark Dykstra moved to adjourn at 5:20 pm, seconded by Mary Gut. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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