



Minutes - March 4, 2026

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: 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: none

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

Approval of Minutes:

February 4, 2026, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes: Max Olson moved approval of the February 4, 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 noted that the committee has accomplished quite a lot to date and the calendar included in the agenda packet has been updated. Max Olson shared his thoughts and highlights from the recent Youth in Governance program Madison Capitol field trip.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Selection of 2026 – 2027 Youth in Governance

Participants: Supervisor Wilson explained that the envelopes that were handed out to each committee member contained a scoresheet and a packet of applications for each of the committee members to review. All personally identifiable information on each application has been redacted to provide anonymity for each application. The committee reviewed, scored, and ranked each of the applications on a 1-10 scale. Ranking scores for each applicant's submission were tallied and discussion about the merits of the applicants' submission ensued.

Mark Dykstra moved approval of all 10 applicants into the 2026-2027 Rock County Youth in Governance Program, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

Supervisor Wilson said he will reach out to each of the applicants to let them know they've been invited into the program along with some forms for them to complete and some additional information about next steps.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action on 2026-2027 Orientation and Materials: Supervisor Wilson asked the committee to review the orientation materials in the agenda packet prior to the next meeting, and be prepared to discuss any questions or details. Supervisor Wilson also said that he will be sending an email to each of the committee members asking about what role they'd like to play in the orientation session. The committee also discussed the best date for the 2026 orientation and generally agreed that May 16, 2026, would be best for the committee members. Supervisor Wilson will check with Administrator Light for his availability and will also communicate with the candidates to see if there are any issues with that date for orientation.

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, April 1, 2026 - 4:30pm:
The committee agreed that the next meeting would be Wednesday, April 1 at 4:30pm.

Adjournment: Mary Gut moved to adjourn at 5:36 pm, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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