

MINUTES

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Thursday September 18, 2025

1:30 p.m.

Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Commissioners' Conference Room
W239 N1812 Rockwood Drive
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Occurred in Person and Virtually via Video and Telephone Conference

Present:

Excused:

Committee Members:

Charles Colman, Chairperson
Michael Crowley
Brian Holt
Dewayne Johnson
Trevor Jung
Natalia Minkel-Dumit
Robert Pitts
David Stroik

Staff:

Stephanie Hacker	Executive Director
Benjamin McKay	Deputy Director
Elizabeth Larsen	Director of Administration
Eric Lynde	Special Projects Director
Miranda Page	Planner

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Colman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2025

Chairperson Colman asked if there were any changes or additions to the August 21, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes. There were none.

On a motion by Mr. Stroik, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on August 21, 2025, were approved as published.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON PURSUANT TO COMMISSION BYLAWS ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 – VACANCIES

Chairperson Colman stated the purpose of this Executive Committee meeting is to designate an Interim Chairperson and Interim Vice Chairperson. These individuals will serve until the December 3, 2025, Quarterly Commission meeting. At that meeting the full Commission will act to elect permanent successors to serve the remainder of the vacated terms.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. Colman stated that he will stay in the Chairperson role until September 30th. The Interim Chairperson position will go into effect on October 1st and remain as interim until the December Quarterly Commission meeting.

Mr. Stroik stated that Commission Bylaws guide the Nominating Committee to consider that elected officials should not be nominated to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Pitts noted that since the Commissioners are discussing Commission Bylaws Article III – Officers and Responsibilities, he would like clarification on Section 2 (A). He further stated he has asked the opinion of the Kenosha County Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Lynde stated that before further discussion ensues, the agenda item first needs to be introduced, where he can state the rules of this agenda item and ask if there are questions about the voting process. Mr. Lynde noted that there is not to be discussion of the candidates or preferences for the candidates to keep the election process fair. He further stated that discussion of the Commission Bylaws would fall under the rules.

Mr. Colman stated that as indicated on the agenda, the first election will be for the Interim Chairperson, followed by election of the Interim Vice Chairperson under the next agenda item. He also stated the elections will follow a voting process that will be facilitated by two independent Commission staff members. Chairperson Colman then stated he will turn the voting process to Mr. Lynde.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik, Mr. Lynde stated that Commissioners will be allowed to ask questions about the procedures.

Mr. Lynde then introduced himself and Ms. Miranda Page of Commission staff and explained the voting process.

Mr. Stroik stated he noticed the candidates have two minutes to give a statement and then asked if the Committee is able to question the candidates. Mr. Lynde stated that one of the rules is the candidates may not be questioned. He then responded to an inquiry by Mr. Stroik stating that particular rules may not have been stated in the September 15, 2025 e-mail from staff to Executive Committee members, but he will go through the rules.

Mr. Pitts asked Mr. Lynde to interpret the Bylaws. Mr. Jung stated that the Committee should allow staff to present on the process and if there are questions to wait until after the presentation as many of the questions may be answered.

Mr. Lynde then distributed copies of the September 15, 2025 e-mail with notes on the voting process, the candidates' statements of interest, and biographies.

Mr. Lynde then reviewed the rules, stating that Committee members are not permitted to nominate additional candidates from the floor. In addition, Committee members are not permitted to discuss the

candidates, preferences, or reasons for supporting a particular candidate. Questions can be asked of himself or Ms. Page about the voting process.

Mr. Lynde further stated all voting will be conducted by a secret written ballot, with pre-printed ballots being distributed since all Committee members are attending in person. All Committee members received a pen to have the same ink color, and ballots will all be folded in the same manner. Any ties or stalemates will be addressed should that occur.

Mr. Lynde then stated that candidates are permitted to vote. Candidates must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected, with the majority being five votes. Abstentions are allowed but will not count toward the vote total.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Colman, Mr. Lynde explained that the ballots are pre-printed, and a check is placed next to the candidate's name.

Mr. Lynde continued to explain the candidates will be announced and given two minutes to speak. A timer will be set, and a reminder sign will be held up when 30 seconds are left. The Interim Chairperson will be voted on first, with the Interim Vice Chairperson to be voted on under the next agenda item.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Pitts, Mr. Lynde stated he cannot interpret the Commission Bylaws for the Commissioners.

In response to an inquiry by Mr. Johnson, Mr. Lynde stated he believes that the Interim Chairperson and Interim Vice Chairperson are afforded all of the authority of the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson during the interim period. Mr. Lynde further clarified that the candidates that are voted for during this Committee meeting will also be the Executive Committee's nominations for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the December Quarterly meeting.

Mr. Lynde stated that after each round of voting, the number of votes that were cast will be reported for each candidate and Chairperson Colman will make the final vote official.

Mr. Lynde then announced the candidates interested in the Interim Chairperson position. He formally asked each candidate to affirm their interest in the position. Both Mr. Crowley and Mr. Johnson affirmed their interest in the position.

Mr. Johnson was selected by a coin flip to speak first. Mr. Johnson was then given two minutes to speak.

Following Mr. Johnson's speech, Mr. Crowley was given two minutes to speak.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Crowley's speech, Ms. Page distributed and then collected the ballots. Mr. Lynde and Ms. Page counted the ballots.

Mr. Lynde stated the vote tally. Eight out of eight votes were cast. Commissioner Johnson received three votes and Commissioner Crowley received five votes.

Chairperson Colman then announced Mr. Crowley will be the Interim Chairperson beginning on October 1, 2025.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIRPERSON PURSUANT TO COMMISSION BYLAWS ARTICLE III, SECTION 4 – VACANCIES

Mr. Lynde announced the candidates interested in the Commission Interim Vice Chairperson position. He formally asked each candidate to affirm their interest in the position. Both Ms. Minkel-Dumit and Mr. Johnson affirmed their interest in the position.

Mr. Johnson was selected by a coin flip to speak first and was given two minutes to speak.

After Mr. Johnson's speech, Ms. Minkel-Dumit was given two minutes to speak.

Upon the conclusion of Ms. Minkel-Dumit's speech, Ms. Page distributed and then collected the ballots. Mr. Lynde and Ms. Page counted the ballots.

Mr. Lynde stated the vote tally. Mr. Johnson received four votes and Ms. Minkel-Dumit received four votes. Due to the tie, a second round of voting was held.

Mr. Lynde asked each candidate to affirm their interest in the position. Both Ms. Minkel-Dumit and Mr. Johnson affirmed their interest in the position, and each were given two minutes to speak.

Mr. Lynde stated the vote tally after round two of the Interim Vice Chairperson vote. Mr. Johnson received four votes and Ms. Minkel-Dumit received four votes. Due to a tie, a third round of voting was held.

Mr. Lynde asked each candidate to affirm their interest in the position. Both Ms. Minkel-Dumit and Mr. Johnson affirmed their interest in the position, and each were given two minutes to speak.

Mr. Lynde stated the vote tally after round three of the Interim Vice Chairperson vote. Mr. Johnson received two votes and Ms. Minkel-Dumit received six votes.

Chairperson Colman then announced Ms. Minkel-Dumit is the Interim Vice Chairperson beginning on September 19, 2025.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Hacker stated no correspondence or announcements from Commission staff.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Stroik, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hacker
Deputy Secretary