

MINUTES

Dane County Cities and Villages Association

January 8, 2025

ATTENDANCE:

Belleville:
Black Earth:
Blue Mounds:
Brooklyn:
Cambridge:
Cottage Grove:
Cross Plains: Administrator Carly Persson
Dane: Trustee Roger Schmidt
Deerfield:
DeForest: Administrator Bill Chang
Edgerton:
Fitchburg: Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta, Administrator Chad Brecklin
Madison:
Maple Bluff:
Marshall:
Mazomanie:
McFarland: President Carolyn Clow
Middleton: Alder Lisa Janairo, Finance Director Bill Burns
Monona: Mayor Mary O'Connor
Mount Horeb: President Ryan Czyzewski
Oregon:
Rockdale:
Shorewood Hills: Administrator Brian Mooney
Stoughton: Mayor Tim Swadley
Sun Prairie: Administrator Aaron Oppenheimer
Verona:
Waunakee: Administrator Todd Schmidt
Windsor: President Bob Wipperfurth, Administrator Tina Butteris,
Deputy Administrator Jamie Rybarczyk
Others Present: Forbes McIntosh, GPS/DCCVA
Ann Gryphan, GPS/DCCVA
Jason Valerius, Capital Area Regional Planning Commission

Guest speaker Christopher Jordan, with Angelina Panettieri and Catherine Werner, National League of Cities

1. **Call to Order.** The DCCVA membership meeting was called to order by V. of Windsor President Bob Wipperfurth at 12:03 p.m. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom. Thirteen cities and villages were present, which is a quorum.
2. **Guest Speaker: Christopher Jordan, National League of Cities.** Christopher Jordan and Angelina Panettieri of the National League of Cities gave a presentation on the NLC report that was released in November 2024, "AI in Cities: Report and Toolkit." The report provides considerations for cities looking to adopt artificial intelligence in government operations, as well as examples of how some cities are using AI. The toolkit guides city officials as they consider adopting AI and makes recommendations, such as surveying staff, conducting focus groups or working groups and conducting an AI readiness assessment. One member mentioned the conflict between a municipality's climate neutrality/sustainability goals and the use of AI.
3. **Approval of Minutes from Meeting of November 13, 2024.** Mayor Mary O'Connor (C. of Monona) made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by President Bob Wipperfurth (V. of Windsor) and approved on a voice vote.
4. **Treasurer's Report.** DCCVA Treasurer Aaron Oppenheimer (C. of Sun Prairie) gave a brief treasurer's report. He encouraged members to remember to pay their 2025 DCCVA dues if they have not yet done so. President Carolyn Clow (V. of McFarland) made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.
5. **Reports of External Committee/Board/Commission Appointees** (standing agenda item)
 - a. Lakes & Watershed Commission (David Clutter). Forbes McIntosh reported that the next commission meeting is Feb. 5. Their last meeting was in November and heard a lake level presentation.
 - b. Capital Area RPC (Maureen Crombie, Heidi Murphy, Jim Schuler) Jason Valerius, executive director of CARPC, reported that CARPC completed its strategic plan last year. Discussions are now about the sewer service area amendment process and exploring an alternative track for communities interested in looking at larger areas that are initiated by the community rather than initiated at the request of the developer. He also said he is working with the City of Fitchburg exploring development areas in anticipation of service area amendment. Forbes McIntosh also noted that CARPC Commissioner Heidi Murphy's term is up this spring, but she has indicated a willingness to be considered for reappointment. An election of officers on CARPC is scheduled for tomorrow.

- c. DaneCom Governing Board (Valerie Zisman, Brett Halverson, Paul Esser). No meeting, no report.
 - d. Greater Madison MPO (Mark Opitz, Doug Wood, Phil Caravello). Forbes McIntosh noted that the cities and villages in the Greater Madison MPO (excluding City of Madison) will have two seat on the MPO Policy Board up for reappointment this spring. (Mark Opitz of Middleton and Phil Caravello of Stoughton)
 - e. Dane County Broadband Task Force (Bob Wipperfurth). Bob Wipperfurth reported that the task force will be talking about Dane County highway projects and how they can be more proactive working with Internet providers when doing highway projects to install broadband infrastructure to those rights of way.
6. **Legislative Update.** Forbes McIntosh gave a legislation update. He noted that about a quarter of Wisconsin state legislators are newly elected in 2025. The new legislative session began this week. He also noted that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities is holding a webinar next week with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue on the Innovation Fund Planning Grants.
7. **Old Business.**
 - a. **DCCVA virtual roundtable on municipal referenda.** Bob Wipperfurth reminded members that DCCVA will host a virtual roundtable discussion on Jan. 29 on the topic of municipal referenda. The mayors of Madison, Middleton, Fitchburg and Monona will discuss their November 2024 referendum and share their insights and lessons learned.
8. **Other Items/New Business**
 - a. **Spring elections.** Bob Wipperfurth asked municipal leaders about their April spring election, trends and if they are seeing incumbents running for re-election. There was a general discussion.
9. **Membership General Discussion:**
 - a. DCCVA members are encouraged to share their suggestions for speakers for future meetings, roundtable discussions or special events.
10. **2025 DCCVA Preliminary Meeting Schedule:**
 - Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2025, 12 p.m. – Virtual
 - Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 5 p.m. – In person (MMSD)
 - Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 5:30 p.m. (annual meeting) – In person
 - Wednesday, July 9, 2025, 12 p.m. – Virtual (hosted by City of Middleton)
 - Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025, 5 p.m. – In person (Village of Windsor)
 - Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, 12 p.m. – Virtual (hosted by Village of DeForest)

11. **Adjournment.** Mayor Tim Swadley (C. of Stoughton) made a motion to adjourn at 12:55 p.m., seconded by Mayor Julia Arata-Fratta (C. of Fitchburg) and approved on a voice vote.