



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### City Administrator Working Group

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Wednesday, August 13, 2025

12:00 PM

Grandad Room  
City Hall

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#### Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order by the Working Group Chair, Larry Slezniow at 12:05 p.m.*

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 3 - Barb Janssen, Larry Slezniow, Erin Goggin

**Excused:** 2 - Chris Kahlow, Lisa Weston

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Goggin, seconded by Janssen, to **APPROVE** the minutes of July 23, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Agenda Items:

##### [24-1585](#)

Proposed City Administrator position.

*No action taken.*

#### **- Update on two collaborative CAWG/Mayor Shaundel meetings with mayor/city administrator panelists and roundtables.**

*Two CAWG collaborative meetings are tentatively scheduled with Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey on September 30, 2025 from 10am to noon and October 1, 2025 from 5pm – 7pm. Both meetings would be in the La Crosse Center and include a panel discussion with mayors and city administrators and community roundtable discussions.*

#### **- Mayor Shaundel Washington-Spivey's thoughts on the city administrator position.**

*Mayor Washington-Spivey expressed his desire to have a city administrator, if hired, report only to the Mayor rather than the city administrator reporting to the City Council and Mayor which is the case in the resolution returning to the City Council in February 2026.*

**- Discussion with John Kovari, Political Science and Public Administration professor at UW-La Crosse, about the possibility of his class assisting with public engagement.**

*Dr. Kovari discussed possible ways his class and he could assist the City Administrator Working Group (CAWG) with the public engagement process. He presented a range of services that could be provided. The City would incur a cost for most of the services presented. Since CAWG does not have any funding, it did not seem possible for our working group to collaborate with Dr. Kovari and his class.*

**- Decide public engagement details and location options.**

*There is interest in moving the next CAWG meeting up a week. Slezniow will check to see if all CAWG members would be available as well as a meeting space in City Hall.*

**- Additional working group member updates.**

*No updates were provided by CAWG members.*

**- Establish agenda items for the next meeting.**

*There will be one agenda item, a working meeting to determine the community engagement process, community resources provided to the public, and meeting times and locations.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.*