



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes - Final

City Administrator Working Group

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12:00 PM

Grandad Conference Room - City Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Working Group Chair, Larry Sleznikow at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 4 - Barb Janssen, Larry Sleznikow, Mac Kiel, Mark Neumann

Excused: 1 - Erin Goggin

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Kiel, seconded by Janssen, to APPROVE the minutes of February 26, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Items:

[24-1585](#)

Proposed City Administrator position.

No action taken.

Director of Human Resources Rebecca Franzen will join the working group to discuss information she received from consultants about a workforce study and other unbiased means to evaluate the need for a city administrator

Director of Human Resources Rebecca Franzen provided working group members with copies of the two proposals she received related to her request for a City work study and community engagement. Both proposals were focused primarily on facilitating community engagement related to the potential hiring of a city administrator. Each came with a significant cost.

The working group's next steps will be discussed based on the information from Director Franzen.

Working group members were interested in inviting Daniel Foth, JD, Director, Certified Public Manager Program and Local Government Specialist, Local Government Education at University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension to the next meeting to evaluate no cost or low-cost options related to next steps.

Director Franzen will contact Mr. Foth to see if he can attend the next meeting virtually. If Mr. Foth cannot attend during the regular meeting time, the working group will consider rescheduling the meeting to accommodate Mr. Foth's availability.

Establish agenda items for the March 26, 2025 meeting.

- Discussion and questions and answers with Daniel Foth, JD*
- Next steps will be discussed based on information received from Mr. Foth.*
- Establish April 9th meeting agenda*

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.