



City of Manitowoc

900 Quay Street
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Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

Note: This meeting will also be held via remote conferencing software (Zoom)

Organizational Session

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Alderspersons Present: 10 - Andrew Dunbar, Chad Beeman, Michael Cummings, Brian Anderson, Bill Schlei, Eric Sitkiewitz, Brett Norell, Todd Reckelberg, Jodi Brey and Mason Benzinger

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS TAKE OATH OF OFFICE

District 4: Jodi L. Brey

District 5: Mason J. Benzinger

District 6: Eric J. Sitkiewitz

District 8: Bill Schlei

District 9: Brett Norell

E. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT OF COMMON COUNCIL

Mayor Nickels announced that nominations were in order for the election of President of the Common Council, who also acts as the Chaplain. Alderperson Cummings nominated Alderperson Sitkiewitz. There being no other nominations, Alderperson Cummings made a motion to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot, seconded by Alderperson Schlei. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Brey, Benzinger, Sitkiewitz, Anderson, Schlei, Norell, Reckelberg

Alderperson Sitkiewitz is elected as President of the Common Council.

F. COUNCIL PRESIDENT OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk administers oath of office to Council President Sitkiewitz.

G. DRAWING FOR SEATS

Members proceeded to draw for seats with the results being as follows:
Seat/Name - (1) Norell, (2) Anderson, (3)Schlei, (4) Reckelberg, (5)

Dunbar, (6) Brey, (7) Benzinger, (8) Cummings, (9) Beeman, (10) Sitkiewitz

H. SHORT RECESS TO TAKE NEW SEATS

I. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

[26-0315](#) Common Council Code of Conduct, April 2026

Moved by Schlei, seconded by Dunbar, that the Code of Conduct be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

J. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL RULES

[26-0316](#) Common Council Rules 2026-2027

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by Anderson, that the Council Rules be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

K. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO PLAN COMMISSION

Aldersperson Sitkiewitz nominated Aldersperson Schlei for Plan Commission. No other nominations were made. Aldersperson Sitkiewitz made a motion to close nominations and cast an unanimous ballot, seconded by Aldersperson Reckelberg. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Brey, Benzinger, Sitkiewitz, Anderson, Schlei, Norell, Reckelberg

L. APPOINTMENTS AND BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

[26-0352](#) Board of Review Appointments

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Norell, that these Board of Review Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0373](#) Mayor appoints Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz to the MPU Commission with a term ending April 19, 2027

Moved by Schlei, seconded by Anderson, that this Appointment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

[26-0374](#) 2026-2027 Appointments to Standing Committees of the Common Council

Moved by Dunbar, seconded by Cummings, that these Standing Committee Appointments be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

M. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Schlei, seconded by Sitkiewitz, that this meeting be adjourned at 5:19 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg, Brey and Benzinger

**Mackenzie Reed
City Clerk**