

**Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee Meeting**  
**July 1, 2022**

Current Partnership Council Bylaws Language	Current Statutory Language
<p><b>ARTICLE II. POWERS AND DUTIES SECTION 2.01. Powers and Duties</b></p> <p><b>SECTION 2.01. Powers and Duties.</b> Pursuant to s. 48.562, Wis. Stats., the Council shall do all of the following:</p> <p>(a) Formulate suggested policies and plans for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to the department and the legislature.</p> <p>(b) Formulate suggested measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome measures, and make recommendations with respect to those measures to the department and the legislature.</p> <p>(c) Formulate suggested funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding priorities to the department and the legislature.</p> <p>(d) Identify innovative public and private funding opportunities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and make recommendations with respect to those funding opportunities to the department and the legislature.</p> <p>(e) Advise the department in planning, and providing technical assistance and capacity building to support, a neighborhood-based system for the delivery of child welfare services in Milwaukee County.</p> <p>Pursuant to s. 15.09(5), Wis. Stats., the Council shall advise the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families, and shall function on a continuing basis for the study, and recommendation of solutions and policy alternatives, of the problems arising in the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.</p>	<p><b>48.562 Milwaukee child welfare partnership council.</b></p> <p>(1) The Milwaukee child welfare partnership council shall do all of the following:</p> <p>(ag) Hold at least one public hearing each year at which the council shall encourage public participation and solicit public input regarding the child welfare system in Milwaukee County.</p> <p>(am) Recommend policies and plans for the improvement of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and submit its recommendations with respect to those policies and plans to the department under par. (dm).</p> <p>(b) Recommend measures for evaluating the effectiveness of the child welfare system in Milwaukee County, including outcome measures, and submit its recommendations with respect to those measures to the department under par. (dm).</p> <p>(c) Recommend funding priorities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and submit its recommendations with respect to those funding priorities to the department under par. (dm).</p> <p>(d) Identify innovative public and private funding opportunities for the child welfare system in Milwaukee County and submit its recommendations with respect to those funding opportunities to the department under par. (dm).</p> <p>(dm) Annually, submit a report of its recommendations under pars. (am) to (d) to the department, which within 60 days after receiving the report shall prepare a</p>

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		<p>response to those recommendations and transmit the report, together with its response, to the governor and to the appropriate standing committees of the legislature under s. <a href="#">13.172 (3)</a>.</p> <p><b>(e)</b> Advise the department in planning, and providing technical assistance and capacity building to support, a neighborhood-based system for the delivery of child welfare services in Milwaukee County.</p> <p><b>(2m)</b> Any restructuring of the subunit of the department responsible for administering child welfare services in a county having a population of 750,000 or more shall not affect the duties and responsibilities of the Milwaukee child welfare partnership council specified in sub. <a href="#">(1)</a>.</p> <p><b>History:</b> <a href="#">1995 a. 303</a>; <a href="#">1997 a. 27</a>; <a href="#">2007 a. 20 s. 799</a>; Stats. 2007 s. 48.562; <a href="#">2009 a. 337</a>; <a href="#">2015 a. 55</a>.</p>
<p><b>ARTICLE III.</b>  <b>MEMBERS</b>  <b>SECTION</b>  <b>3.01.</b>  <b>Membership.</b></p>	<p><b>Membership.</b> Pursuant to s. 15.09 and 15.207(24)(a), Wis. Stats., the Council shall consist of the following members:</p> <p>(a) Three members of the Milwaukee County board nominated by the Milwaukee County executive and appointed by the Governor.</p> <p>(b) One representative to the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly.</p> <p>(c) One representative to the assembly appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.</p> <p>(d) One senator appointed by the president of the senate.</p> <p>(e) One senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate.</p>	<p><a href="#">15.207(24)</a> <b>(24)</b> MILWAUKEE CHILD WELFARE PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL.</p> <p><a href="#">15.207(24)(a)</a> <b>(a)</b> There is created a Milwaukee child welfare partnership council, attached to the department of children and families under s. <a href="#">15.03</a>. The council shall consist of the following members:</p> <p><a href="#">15.207(24)(a)1.</a> <b>1.</b> Three members of the Milwaukee County board nominated by the Milwaukee County executive.</p> <p><a href="#">15.207(24)(a)2.</a> <b>2.</b> One representative to the assembly appointed by the speaker of the assembly.</p> <p><a href="#">15.207(24)(a)3.</a> <b>3.</b> One representative to the assembly appointed by the minority leader of the assembly.</p>

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	<p>(f) Ten members who are residents of this state, not less than six of whom shall be residents of Milwaukee County and appointed by the Governor.</p> <p>(g) Two members who are nominated by a children's services network established in Milwaukee County under s. 49.143(2)(b) and who are residents of the geographical area established under s. 49.143(6), Wis. Stats., that is served by the children's services network and appointed by the Governor.</p>	<p><u>15.207(24)(a)4.</u> <b>4.</b> One senator appointed by the president of the senate.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(a)5.</u> <b>5.</b> One senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(a)6.</u> <b>6.</b> Ten members who are residents of this state, not less than 6 of whom shall be residents of Milwaukee County.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(a)8.</u> <b>8.</b> The Milwaukee County district attorney or his or her designee.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(a)9.</u> <b>9.</b> The presiding judge of the children's division of the Milwaukee County circuit court.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(b)</u> <b>(b)</b> Notwithstanding s. <u>15.09 (2)</u>, the governor shall designate one of the members appointed under par. <u>(a) 6.</u> as chairperson of the council.</p> <p><u>15.207(24)(c)</u> <b>(c)</b> The members of the council appointed under par. <u>(a) 1.</u> and <u>6.</u> shall be appointed for 3-year terms.</p>
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<b>Other Areas of Consideration</b>	<b>Current Partnership Council Bylaws Language</b>
<p><b>Modernization of meeting types</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IV. SECTION 4.03.</b>  <b>SECTION 4.03. Meetings.</b> The Council shall meet four times annually, and shall also meet at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson of the Council or a majority of its members. The Council shall meet at such locations as may be determined by it unless the head of DCF determines a specific meeting place. Pursuant to s. 19.83(1), Wis. Stats., every meeting of the Council shall be preceded by public notice and shall be held in open session except that the Council may meet in closed session as permitted by s. 19.85(1), Wis. Stats.  <b>SECTION 4.03. (d) Telephone conference calls.</b> A member of the Council may, if necessary, attend a Council meeting by conference call provided that the call is broadcast in such a way as to provide the public with an effective means to monitor the caller’s statements. This may be accomplished by broadcasting the conference call through speakers.</p>
<p><b>Meeting frequency</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IV. SECTION 4.03. Meetings.</b> The Council shall meet four times annually, and shall also meet at the request of the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and may meet at other times on the call of the chairperson of the Council or a majority of its members.   <b>SECTION 4.03. (a) Frequency:</b> The Council will meet four times annually to provide education on child welfare issues; to receive reports from the standing committees; to hear from individuals and organizations from the community, through community forums, about their concerns or recommendations on ways to continue to improve the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services; to receive reports on the programs, policies and operations and budget of the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services and related developments in the Department of Children and Families; and to exercise any of the powers and duties set forth in Article II, Section 2.01 of these bylaws.</p>

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	<p><b>SECTION 4.03. (c) Annual Meeting.</b> The Council’s annual meeting shall take place at a meeting so designated by the Council each year, at which time it will receive an annual report of the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services.</p>
<p><b>Committees</b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE IV. SECTION 4.08. Committees.</b> Council committee structure will assure that all issues are documented, follow up is assured, and response is communicated. The committees will play an important role in system quality assurance. Committees may also hear reports from Bureau Directors, Section Chiefs, or Program and Policy Analysts in committees’ specific area of focus. Committees will play a role in efforts to further improve system services and reports.</p> <p>Council committees will consist of Standing Committees and, from time to time, Special Committees. The organization, authority and procedures to be used by these committees are as described in Article V below.</p> <p><b>ARTICLE V. SECTION 5.01. Standing and Special Committees.</b> The following are Council standing committees: Health and Education Committee; Critical Incident Committee and Out-of-Home Care Committee;</p> <p><b>(a) Out-of-Home Care Committee.</b> The Out-of-Home Care Committee shall address issues relating to services for children who have been removed from their homes, recruitment, licensing, support and training of Foster care and placement resources. This Committee shall also address issues related to adoption.</p> <p><b>(b) Health and Education Committee.</b> The Health and Education Committee shall address issues related to the physical, mental and dental health of children served by the Division, and issues related to the education of children served by the Division.</p> <p><b>(c) Critical Incident Committee.</b> The Critical Incident Committee shall review child fatalities and near fatalities in accordance with 42 U.S.C.A. § 5106a(c)(4)(A)(iii)(II). It shall also review recommendations of the DCF Independent Review Team (IRT) following any death or egregious incident review. The Committee shall follow DMCP’s progress in addressing these recommendations.</p>

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**SECTION 5.02. Membership.** Standing committee membership, including the position of chairpersons for those committees, may consist of community representatives serving in addition to Council members and Associate members. Standing committee total membership shall be determined by the Council as needed, but should consist of an odd number of members in the event that issues must be decided by a vote.

**(a) Designated Representatives.** A standing or special committee member may send a representative in that member's stead to attend any committee meeting. Such a representative does not have the authority to vote in committee proceedings but may participate in discussions on a committee member's behalf.

**SECTION 5.03. Nomination and Appointment of Members.** The Chairperson shall appoint standing and special committee members, subject to approval of the Council. Appointed members may serve in a temporary capacity until such time as the Council votes on the appointment.

**SECTION 5.04. Chairperson.** For each standing and special committee, the Chairperson shall appoint committee chairpersons, subject to approval of the Council. Appointed chairpersons may serve in a temporary capacity until such time as the Council votes on the appointment. While preference for the position of standing or special committee chairperson should be given to members of the Council, the standing or special committee chairperson need not be a member of the Council.

**SECTION 5.05. Authority.** The standing committees, and any special committees when active, shall report to the Council at the meetings on the issues, concerns, and recommendations before them.

**SECTION 5.06. Meetings.** Standing committees, and special committees when active, shall meet monthly or at intervals otherwise determined by committee goals and membership. The Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services will staff all standing and special committee meetings. All standing and special committee meetings shall be publicly held in places reasonably accessible to members of the public. Pursuant to s.19.83(1), Wis. Stats., every meeting of standing and special committees shall be held in open session, except that the committee may meet in closed session as permitted by s.19.85(1), Wis. Stats.

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**SECTION 5.07. Notice.** All meetings of the Council standing and special committees shall be preceded by notice to the public similar to that which is required for Council meetings. The chairperson of the each standing and special committee shall be responsible for giving notice of the committee meetings.

**SECTION 5.08. Quorum.** A majority of the membership of the standing or special committee constitutes a quorum to do business, and a majority of a quorum may act in any matter within the jurisdiction of the standing or special committee.

**SECTION 5.09. Voting and Manner of Acting.** The act of a majority of the members of the standing or special committee present at a committee meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the standing or special committee. Committee members may cast votes in person or by telephone.

The standing or special committee shall keep a record of the motions and roll call votes at each meeting. If a member of the committee requests that the vote of each member on a particular matter be recorded, a voice vote or vote by a show of hands is not permissible unless the vote is unanimous and the minutes reflect who is present for the vote.

**SECTION 5.10. Procedure.** The standing or special committee chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the committee. Each standing or special committee may fix its own rules and procedures, which shall not be inconsistent with these bylaws.