

Kenosha



County

**Executive Committee**

**Agenda**

Kenosha County Administration Building

2nd Floor Committee Room

1010 56th St, Kenosha, WI

February 22, 2024, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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1. Call To Order
2. Citizen Comments
3. Chair, Supervisor Comments
4. Communications
5. Approval Of Minutes
6. Resolution Recognizing March 2024 As "National Social Work Month"

Documents:

[24-1-10 DECKER SOCIAL WORKER MONTH.PDF](#)

7. A Resolution Recognizing April 15-19, 2024 As "National Work Zone Awareness Week"

Documents:

[24-2-9 APRILWORKZONESAFETYWEEK.PDF](#)

8. A Resolution Supporting The Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Line

Documents:

[24-1-23 ROSE RESOLUTION KRM SUPPORT.PDF](#)

9. Resolution Modifying The Racial And Ethnic Equity Commission Of Kenosha County

Documents:

10. Other Matters As May Be Appropriately Brought Before The Committee

11. Adjourn



# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: <b>A Resolution Recognizing March 2024 as "National Social Work Month"</b>			
Original [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	Revised [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	2nd Correction [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	Resubmitted [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Date Submitted: 1/3/2024		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Vice Chair Decker, Supervisors Poole and Rodriguez			
Fiscal Note Attached [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]		Legal Note Attached [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Agreement	
Prepared by: Vice Chair Decker		Signature:	

WHEREAS, Social Workers have worked for more than a century to improve human well-being and enhance the basic needs of all people especially the most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers positively touch the lives of millions of Americans each day and in a variety of places, including schools, hospitals, the military, child welfare agencies, community centers, and in federal, state and local government; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are the largest group of mental health care providers in the United States, and work daily to help people overcome mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are on the frontlines of the nation's opioid addiction crisis, helping people get the treatment they need and prevail over substance use disorders; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession is one of the fastest growing careers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have continued to push for changes that have made our society a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all facets of our society to meet people no matter their circumstance and empower them to live life to their fullest potential; and

WHEREAS, in March 1963, the National Association of Social Workers first organized National Social Work Month as a way to encourage public support for the profession; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed a joint resolution and on March 22, 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed March as “National Professional Social Work Month” under Proclamation 5167:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in support of the numerous contributions made by Kenosha County’s Social Workers, does recognize March 2024, as National Social Work Month in Kenosha County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages members of public to join in this recognition and to search their hearts for ways in which they too can help their neighbors.

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Erin Decker

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John Poole

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Zach Rodriguez



# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: <b>A Resolution Recognizing April 15-19, 2024 as "National Work Zone Awareness Week"</b>			
Original [ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ]	Revised [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	2nd Correction [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]	Resubmitted [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]
Date Submitted: 2/8/2024		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Vice Chair Decker, Supervisor Rodriguez, and Supervisor Poole			
Fiscal Note Attached [ <input type="checkbox"/> ]		Legal Note Attached [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] Agreement	
Prepared by: Vice Chair Decker, Shelly Billingsley, and Clement Abongwa		Signature:	

WHEREAS, the average number of work zone crashes per year in Wisconsin is 2336; and

WHEREAS, in the past five years there have been 63 deaths, 11,678 crashes, and 4,370 injuries in Wisconsin work zones, a majority of those being drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's 2023 construction season recorded one work zone crash every four hours; and

WHEREAS, speeding, tailgating, and distracted driving are the leading causes of work zone crashes in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration, while work zones play a critical role in maintaining and upgrading our roads, work zones can also be a major cause of congestion, delay, and traveler dissatisfaction; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, trucks and buses have limited maneuverability and large blind spots that make operating in work zone areas more challenging, leading to a disproportionate number of work zone crashes involving trucks and buses; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of work zone speed limits is shown to significantly reduce speeding, aggressive driving, fatalities, and injuries; and

WHEREAS, work zone crashes and fatalities deeply impact family, friends, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in support of the contributions made by Kenosha County's Highway Workers to repair and maintain the roads in Kenosha County, does recognize April 15-19, 2024, as National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages individuals to practice work zone safety by:

- researching their routes ahead of time to avoid work zones when possible;
- avoiding distractions while driving;
- obeying road crew flaggers and being aware of and obeying all signage throughout work zones that indicate reduced speeds, lane changes, and other vital information;
- slowing down when entering a work zone and being vigilant of road workers;
- merging into an open lane when instructed to do so when lane closures are present and slowing down and merging over for first responders;
- maintaining a space cushion when driving behind other vehicles to avoid rear end crashes.

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Erin Decker

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Zach Rodriguez

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John Poole



# KENOSHA COUNTY

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: <b>A Resolution Supporting the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Line</b>			
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Date Submitted: _____			Date Resubmitted: _____
Submitted by: Supervisor Rose			
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>			Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
Prepared by: Supervisor Terry Rose			Signature: _____

**WHEREAS**, the City of Racine received \$5 million in funds as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, signed into law by the President on March 9, 2022 to advance the long planned Kenosha – Racine- Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Corridor, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Racine Common Council, Milwaukee Common Council, South Milwaukee Common Council, and Kenosha Common Council have all approved resolutions confirming support for federal investments in the development and construction of a Kenosha – Racine – Milwaukee Regional Rail Line, and;

**WHEREAS**, in previous plans for the KRM regional rail service a stop was anticipated in the City of Kenosha, and;

**WHEREAS**, a KRM regional rail service would provide travel times that would be competitive with auto travel and that would be unaffected by highway congestion or construction, and;

**WHEREAS**, a KRM regional rail service would improve mobility, increase transit use, enhance access to employment and education and contribute to desirable economic and community development in the Counties of Kenosha, Racine, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin's most densely populated area that is home to approximately 1.3 million residents, and;

**WHEREAS**, a KRM regional rail service will support and assist in providing thousands of jobs through transit-oriented development and connect Kenosha and Racine workers to over seven million jobs within the Milwaukee/Chicago metropolitan region, and;

**WHEREAS**, regional connectivity is critical for economic growth and competitiveness in attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, promoting tourism, and creating a vibrant business community, and;

**WHEREAS**, a KRM regional rail service would provide connections in Kenosha with Metra’s UP-North line, giving travelers from the Racine and Milwaukee metro areas an option to travel conveniently and reliability to and from Chicago and other major destinations in Northeastern Illinois;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors officially supports the concept, federal investment, development and construction of the Kenosha Racine Milwaukee Regional Rail Line with a stop in Kenosha, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this support does not in any way bind, commit, or otherwise obligate Kenosha County to any financial support of such a project.

Respectfully submitted at Kenosha County, Wisconsin, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Supervisor Terry Rose





# KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Subject:

## **A Resolution Creating the Racial Equity Commission of Kenosha County**

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Date Submitted:

Date Resubmitted:

Submitted by: Supervisor Gentz

Fiscal Note Attached ☐ ]

Legal Note Attached ☐ ] Agreement

Prepared by: Supervisor Jeffrey Gentz

Signature:

**WHEREAS**, Kenosha County is committed to a shared vision of increased prosperity and improved wellbeing for all Kenosha County Residents; and

**WHEREAS**, racial inequity and injustice that impacts any resident of Kenosha County is a threat to the well-being of all Kenosha County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, trust between the residents of Kenosha County and all those elected, appointed and hired to serve in Kenosha County government is essential to our society; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens expect law enforcement officers to serve the public and conduct themselves with the highest standards of civility, fairness, and honor toward citizens, while maintaining respect for the rule of law; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens deserve equitable access to county services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission (the “REEC”) was established by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors to address issues of racial inequity and injustice in relation to access to county services; and

**WHEREAS**, the REEC as established was made up of nine (9) commissioners, seven (7) of which were to be appointed by the County Executive and two (2) of which were to be County Board Supervisors appointed by the Chair of the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the REEC, as a creation of the County Board, should be under the direct authority of the County Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to modify the current structure and makeup of the REEC to better serve its intended purposes;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors hereby modifies the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission of Kenosha County ("REEC") by revising the original establishing resolution in the following ways:

The Racial Equity Commission's mission is to realize greater racial equity and work toward the dismantling of racism in Kenosha County through research, education, and on-going review of current Kenosha County policies and procedures so as to implement transformative ideas born of research, collaboration, and community engagement, focused on those areas over which the County has authority.

The Racial Equity Commission will be comprised of seven (7) commissioners.

Two (2) must be members of the County Board of Supervisors (County Board). These will be appointed by the County Board Chair with the approval of the County Board.

The other five (5) will be appointed by the County Board Chair, with the approval of the County Board. These appointments **must** be made from a pool of applicants/nominees.

Seventy-five (75) days before the end of a commissioner's term, the County shall publicize a notice of the upcoming appointment. This notice shall, at a minimum, be provided to those local media outlets routinely receiving communications from the County and shall be posted on the County's web site, with a link to the notice being placed on the homepage. A legal notice to the paper of record is neither required nor prohibited.

Individuals may apply themselves or may be nominated by individuals or organizations. As part of any application/nomination a statement indicating why the individual would be a valuable addition to the commission must be submitted. This statement should include a description of the individual's attributes as well as identifying what perspective their inclusion would bring to the commission as well as their commitment to solving issues of inequity. This may include, without limitation, history, experience, community participation and/or other aspects that would provide a different/unique/underrepresented perspective. In the event that a person is nominated rather than applying, a statement from the individual expressing willingness to serve must be included with the nomination.

The makeup of the commission should, at a minimum, reflect the diverse racial and ethnic makeup of Kenosha County as determined by the most recent census information with at all times, four (4) of the five (5) non-County Board commissioners representing racial and ethnic minorities in Kenosha County. This should not be construed to in any way limit the ability of the County Board Chair in appointing, nor the County Board in approving appointments, but to encourage new ways to increase and maximize the participation of voices which have been traditionally and historically un- or under-represented. In making and approving appointments the goal of providing opportunities to such voices should be a prioritized consideration.

In the event that there are fewer applications/nominations than open positions, the County Board Chair shall find an individual willing to serve and nominate that person. Any such

appointment should be guided by the same principles included as part of the nomination process.

The Commission shall report to, and be overseen by, the Kenosha County Board Executive Committee.

The Commissioners shall select, on a yearly basis, a chair and vice-chair, or co-chairs, from the Commission's Membership to serve a one-year term. The Commission may establish rules for the Commission's meetings and conduct of business. In the absence of rules to the contrary, the meetings of the Commission shall be governed by Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County and by Robert's Rules of Order.

Members shall receive no compensation and shall serve voluntarily for a term of three (3) years. There will be no limit to the number of terms a member may serve. No more than two (2) terms may be served consecutively.

The County Board of Supervisors shall make reasonable efforts to seat the modified Racial Equity Commission in full within 90 days of the passage of this resolution.

Of the persons initially appointed, three shall hold office for one (1) year (including one County Supervisor), three for two (2) years, three for three (3) years (including one County Supervisor), from January 1 next following such appointment, and until their successor is appointed and qualifies. By December immediately preceding the expiration of the term of office of any such Commissioner, the County Board Chair shall appoint, subject to confirmation by the County Board, one (1) member of such Commission to hold office for three (3) years from January 1 next succeeding the appointment and until a successor is appointed and qualifies. The exception to this paragraph involves the two (2) County Board Supervisors whose terms shall be from June 1. The Office of the Commissioner shall become vacant upon the happening of any of the following:

1. The death of the incumbent.
2. The person's resignation, whether oral or written.
3. The person's removal by the County Board Chair.
4. The person's ceasing to be a resident of Kenosha County.
5. In the case of the two (2) Commissioners who are members of the County Board, upon their ceasing to be members of that body.

The County Board Chair will make every effort to provide an appointment to such vacancy to the County Board at its first meeting thirty (30) days after the vacancy occurs, subject to subsequent committee review and confirmation by a majority of the County Board. Any such appointment shall be for the unfinished portion of the term being filled.

The REEC shall be tasked with adopting a set of bylaws for itself which shall generally reflect the provisions contained within this resolution. This does not, however, prevent the REEC from making recommendations as part of the bylaw adoption process for changes in the procedure and timing for making appointments. After such adoption, the bylaws will be presented to the County Board for its approval.

The REEC shall be staffed by Kenosha County staff with assistance from other experts or organizations as appropriate.

The REEC shall be subject to the Wisconsin Public Records Law and the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

Plans, reports, or recommendations of any nature adopted by the REEC shall be considered advice to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, and shall not be construed as official policies, positions, or interpretations of laws, rules, or regulations by any department or agency of County government, nor shall any such department or agency be bound in any manner to consider such advice when conducting their advisory and regulatory affairs.

The REEC may also, at any time, choose to submit a recommendation to the County Board or the County Executive with any information or recommendation that the commission believes requires immediate action or attention.

The goals of the Racial Equity Commission shall be to:

- a. Study issues of racial equity in Kenosha County, focusing on ordinances, policies and procedures that perpetuate systemic racism, result in disparate impact on underrepresented populations and contribute to racial inequity in Kenosha County, first focusing on policing and law enforcement then expanding the work to other systemic problems determined by members of the Racial Equity Commission;
- b. Perform outreach and hold at minimum, one annual listening session with Kenosha County residents, including community members, local elected officials, law enforcement, state legislators, educators, mental health professionals, social workers, people impacted by systemic racism, and other Kenosha County residents with experience and expertise in various aspects of racial equity;
- c. Research and analyze County ordinances, policies and procedures as they relate to racial equity, including the availability of adequate data on the topic;
- d. Review research on actions that have been proven effective in increasing racial equity in similar counties;
- e. Analyze racial equity in the context of various systems in Kenosha County, including law enforcement, justice, physical and mental health, education, housing and economic opportunity;
- f. Make recommendations to the County Board on concrete and immediate steps that can be taken to increase racial equity and alleviate the public health crisis caused by racism in Kenosha County.
- g. Before one year from the date the reformed REEC holds its first meeting, the REEC shall submit to the Kenosha County Board an initial report detailing assessments, recommendations, and any proposals for the REEC's further work; and present this report and any subsequent report on a page dedicated to racial equity on the County website. A presentation of this report shall be given to the public in an open forum that would allow for discussion and questions.

h. Before six months from the date of the presentation of the initial report, the REEC shall submit to the County Board a second report detailing assessments, recommendations, and any proposals for the REEC's further work. A presentation of this report shall be given to the public in an open forum that would allow for discussion and questions.

i. Before one year from the date of the presentation of the second report, the REEC shall submit a final comprehensive report to the County Board detailing assessments, recommendations and relevant findings of the REEC. A presentation of this report shall be given to the public in an open forum that would allow for discussion and questions.

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Supervisor Jeffrey Gentz

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**AyeNayAbstainExcused

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Erin Decker, Vice Chair☐☐☐☐

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