

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON
SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE

Chair Report

October 13, 2026

Justin Vasel

BCOSR Organization Chart

As of October 13, 2026

Current State

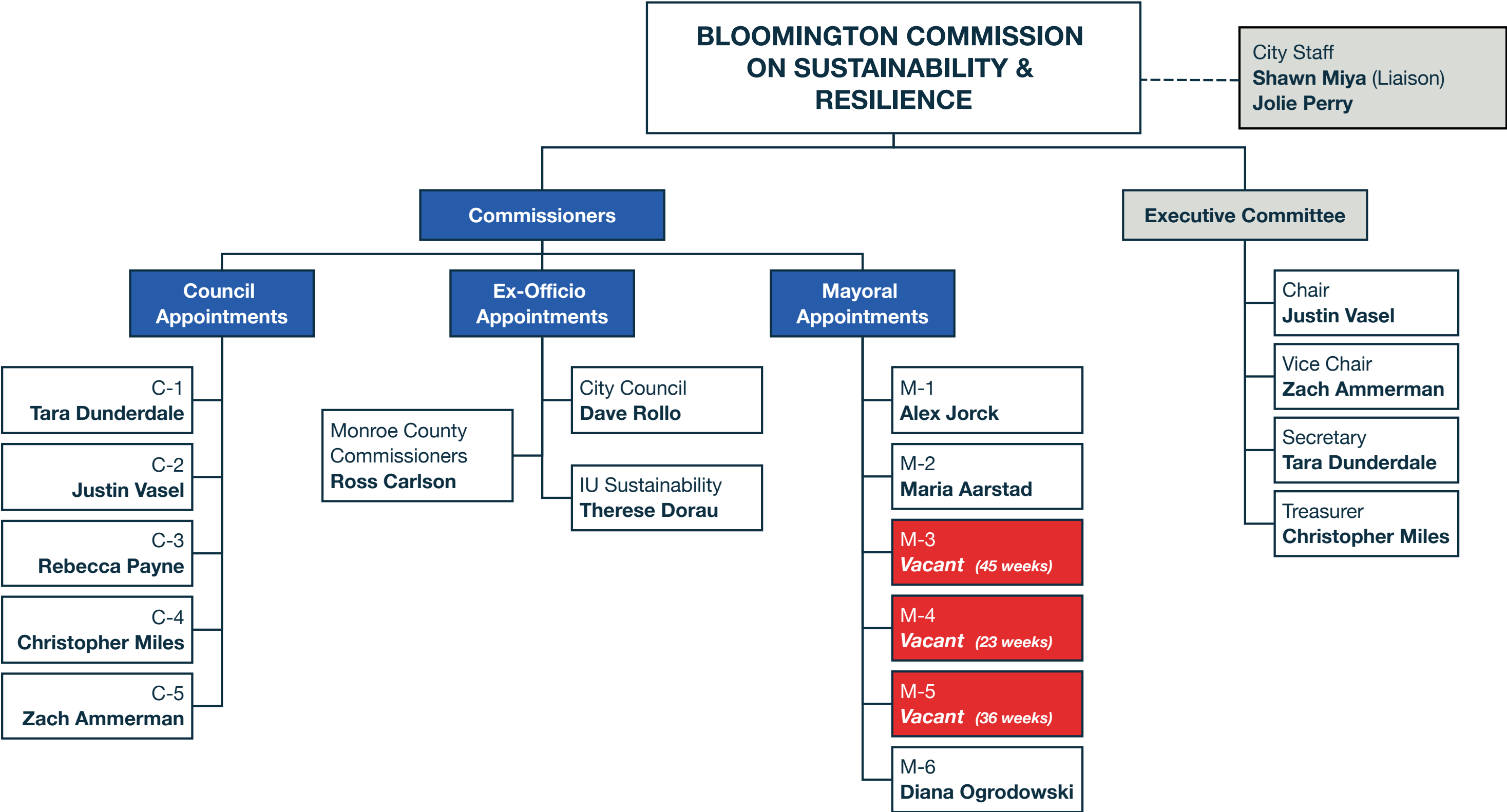
- Three vacancies
- Current quorum threshold: 6 / 11

Welcome

- Therese Dorau (IU)

Terms Expiring in January 2027

- Tara Dunderdale (C-1)
- Justin Vasel (C-2)
- Diana Ogrodowski (M-6)



News & Updates

From the Commission and beyond

- **BCOSR Annual Reports**
 - 2025 Report: November meeting approval; will try to fit on Council schedule
 - 2026 Report: Approval before March meeting
- **2027 Officer Elections**
 - March 9, 2027
 - Four positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
 - Consider volunteering!
- **Flock & Mass Surveillance**
 - [Sep 8](#): BCOSR approved request for information to Mayor
 - [Sep 9](#): Letter sent to Mayor (packet item 4a)
 - [Sep 14](#): Response received (packet item 4b)
 - [Oct 14](#): Ordinance 2026-22 “Prohibiting use of Flock Automated License Plate Reader Technology” (second reading)
- **Proposed changes to UDO 20.04.030(h) Tree and Forest Preservation**
 - [Sep 8](#): BCOSR approved letter to Council
 - [Sep 9](#): Letter sent to Council (packet item 6a)
 - [Sep 16](#): Amendment to strike language adopted
- **Resolution 2026-06 (Dark Skies)**
 - [Sep 16](#): Chair Vassel announced passage to Council during public comment
 - [Sep 25](#): Transmitted to all recipients
 - [Sep 28](#): Response from Deputy Mayor Knapp (packet item 6b)
- **Retrocycle**
 - Indiana Cup (“Hoosier Cup”) Project Plan received following last month’s presentation (packet item 6c)
 - Potential for pilot program and cost sharing with other groups
 - See Chair Vassel if interested in supporting
- **Environmental Commission - Proposed reduction in number of seats**
 - Ordinance 2026-21 “Updating Title 2 To Provide Better Apportionment of Representation on the Transportation Commission and Environmental Commission”
 - Removes 3 seats (2 mayoral + 1 council): EC will have 9 seats.
 - [Sep 16](#): First reading
 - [Oct 14](#): Second reading
- **Future Follow-ups**
 - BCOSR Resolution 2025-01 (Chicken flock sizes)
 - Next step: Ordinance language on Council calendar
 - BCOSR Resolution 2026-06 (Dark Sky)
 - Next steps: Engagements with Duke Energy? Council? IU?
 - 2026 O’Neill Capstone on Sustainable Energy Utilities
- **Backburners**
 - Resiliency and food systems policy recommendations
 - Jami Scholl wrote a draft strategy
 - BCOSR Bylaws Refresh
- **Upcoming Events**
 - [Green Drinks: “Encouraging News about Climate Change Mitigation”](#)
October 28, 2026 6pm
Upland Wood Shop (350 W 11th St)
 - [Boards and Commissions Appreciation Event 2026](#)
November 17, 2026 5:30–7pm
Waldron Arts Center (RSVP required; see email)

Upcoming Meetings

Tentative Agenda Items

- **November 10, 2026 (Next Meeting)**
 - 2025 Annual Report Review & Approval
 - Introduction to Hoosier EVA (guest speaker, tentative)
- **December 8, 2026**
 - Bylaws refresh first discussion
- **January 12, 2027**
 - Bylaws refresh second discussion and vote to adopt
- **February 9, 2027**
 - 2026 Annual Report Review & Approval
- **March 9, 2027**
 - Officer Elections

Note: Commissioners who want to suggest a topic for discussion or a guest speaker or any other item should coordinate with Justin (email is best).