

Mandate for Madison

Policy roadmap for governor and Legislature to be published throughout 2022 and early 2023

Topics, researchers and partners:

Project leader: Patrick McIlheran, Institute policy director

K-12 education

Examine ways to allow parents to identify and select best options for their children

Consultant: **Jim Bender**, longtime school choice leader

Partners include: **School Choice Wisconsin, Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, AFP-WI, WMC, AFC**

Infrastructure

Assess Wisconsin's funding options, transportation needs

Researcher: **Robert Poole**, Reason Foundation director of transportation policy

Healthcare

Examine free-market reform options

Researchers: **David Balat**, director of Right on Healthcare initiative at Texas Public Policy Foundation; **Daniel Sem**, director of Rx Think Tank at Concordia University Wisconsin; **Scott Niederjohn**, economist and director of Free Enterprise Center at CUW

Corrections and crime

Assess effectiveness of criminal justice system by examining backlog of cases and number of and compensation for prosecutors and state-funded public defenders; also examine Wisconsin crime levels, how best to bring them down and reduce recidivism

Researcher: **Jeremiah Mosteller**, Americans for Prosperity senior policy analyst

Early education/poverty/workforce/welfare

Examine effective early learning frameworks for children; research approaches that focus on helping families escape poverty and achieve permanent self-reliance

Researcher: **Angela Rachidi**, American Enterprise Institute senior fellow and Rowe Scholar

Taxes

Offer reform options to make Wisconsin's tax structure more fair, simple and competitive

Partner: **Tax Foundation**

Unemployment insurance

Assess whether federal unemployment insurance benefits slowed employment growth in Wisconsin; recommend best ways to structure UI going forward

Researcher: **Ike Brannon**, Capital Policy Analytics president

Federalism

Ongoing analysis of federal COVID-19 relief funds that have poured into Wisconsin; push for more oversight and transparency

Tracking the Trillions leader: **Mark Lisher**, veteran journalist and *Diggings* managing editor

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— **Mike Nichols**, Badger Institute president