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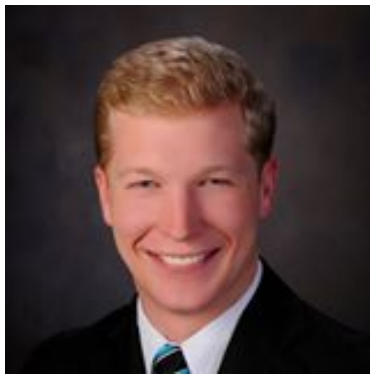
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Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels New Urban Alliance President

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At last Friday's quarterly meeting in Racine, the Urban Alliance selected [Manitowoc Mayor Justin Nickels](#) as its President.

In an email to the Urban Alliance members, Mayor Nickels expressed his thanks for the opportunity to serve and laid out his plan to continue to position the Urban Alliance as a "voice for larger communities throughout the State of Wisconsin."

The Mayor is looking forward to guiding the Alliance through a strategic planning exercise to strengthen the organization and "to further our priorities and goals as the economic drivers of the state."

The Alliance's latest quarterly meeting focused on economic development meeting with Jere Boyle, community affairs managing director at the [Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago](#) to discuss economic development success stories and opportunities. The Municipal Leaders of the Urban Alliance are using the [Industrial Cities Initiative](#) produced by the Federal Reserve Bank as their jumping off point for the discussion.

Nickels succeeds Racine Mayor John Dickert who served as President of the Urban Alliance since its creation in 2011.

The Urban Alliance is made up of Mayors/City Managers/City Administrators of the [40 largest municipalities](#) throughout Wisconsin. The Urban Alliance focuses on public policy evaluation and development; public education; and legislative advocacy for larger municipalities. The Urban Alliance provides a forum to discuss and advocate on issues of concern to urban areas. It is a component of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.

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