

Minutes

Special Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: November 19, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Woodbury Central Park
8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury MN 55125

Members present:

- Chair, Deb Barber
- Judy Johnson, District 1
- Reva Chamblis, District 2
- Tyronne Carter, District 3
- Vacant, District 4
- John Pacheco Jr., District 5

- Robert Lilligren, District 6
- Yassin Osman, District 7
- Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- Diego Morales, District 9
- Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- Gail Cederberg, District 11

- Mark Jenkins, District 12
- Chai Lee, District 13
- Toni Carter, District 14
- Victor Obisakin, District 15
- Wendy Wulff, District 16
- = present, E = excused

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Metropolitan Council acknowledges that the land we currently call Minnesota and specifically the seven-county region is the ancestral homeland of the Dakota Oyate who are present and active contributors to our thriving region. As part of the Metropolitan Council's commitment to address the unresolved legacy of genocide, dispossession, and settler colonialism and the fact that government institutions, including the Metropolitan Council, benefitted economically, politically, and institutionally after the forceable removal of the Dakota Oyate, the Metropolitan Council is dedicated to instilling Land, Water, and People Commitments in regional policy. These commitments support the Dakota Oyate, the eleven federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Ho-Chunk Nation, and the American Indian Communities representing over 150 diverse Tribal Nations that call the seven-county region home.

Call to order

1. 4:30 pm: Open house with light refreshments.
2. 5:00 pm: Committee of the Whole call to order

Chair Deb Barber called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the Metropolitan Council. Chair Barber invited attendees to introduce themselves around the room. Chair Barber introduced Council Member Jenkins.

Council Member Jenkins welcomed attendees to the district and introduced Woodbury Mayor Burt.

Mayor Burt welcomed attendees to Woodbury and provided remarks on the updated Woodbury Central Park facility.

Tane Danger hosted question-and-answer session with Council Member Gail Cederberg.

Panelist discussion hosted by Tane Danger and Council Member Cederberg on water as a shared value with the following panelists:

- Washington County Commissioner Fran Miron
- Shelley Buck, Executive Director, Owámniyomni Okhódayapi
- Trevor Russell, Water Program Director, Friends of the Mississippi River

Tane Danger hosted an additional panel discussion on water being a local priority with the following panelists:

- Council Member Wendy Wulff
- Hugo City Administrator Bryan Bear
- Newport Mayor Laurie Elliot
- Chrissie Walsh, Regional Head of Environmental Sustainability Americas, Georg Fischer

Chair Barber provided closing remarks and asked what was learned from the night's conversations. Chair Barber thanked community members for attending and thanked the panel of local speakers and the City of Woodbury for hosting.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Special Committee of the Whole meeting of November 19, 2025.

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