# Metropolitan Council

# **Minutes**

Management Committee



Meeting date: November 12, 2025Time: 2:30 PMLocation: 390 Robert StreetMembers present:✓☑ Chair, Judy Johnson, D1E Robert Lilligren, District 6E Gail Cederberg, District 11☑ Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5☑ Yassin Osman, District 7☑ Mark Jenkins, District 12E Diego Morales, District 9☐ = 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

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Johnson called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 2:38 p.m.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was noted by Council Member Johnson.

### Agenda approved

Council Members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

#### **Approval of minutes**

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Pacheco to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried**.

#### Non-consent business

1. **2025-293:** Video Conference, Paging Maintenance & Support Services, Contract 25P143 It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with AVI-SPL LLC., to provide video conference, paging maintenance, and support services in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 and a term of five years.

Chair Johnson inquired on the term of the contract, which was not included in the language of the business item as written. Staff reported that it is a five-year contract. Chair Johnson consequently added the term of five years to the motion, so the proposed action going to the

Council includes it.

Motion carried.

Gretchen White, 651-602-1443, presented the item.

2. 2025-278: 2026 Authorized Financial Institutions

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council approve the 2026 Financial Institutions list.

Motion carried.

Mark Thompson, 651-602-1629, presented the item.

#### Other business

- 2025-261 SW (Amended): Proposed motion to amend previous Committee action on Business Item No. 2025-261 regarding the recommended 2025 Policy Update: FM 14-2 It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Osman, to amend previous Committee action on Business Item No. 2025-261 regarding the recommended 2025 Policy Update: FM 14-2.
  - Motion carried.
- 2. 2025-261 SW (Amended): Proposed motion to amend previous Committee action on Business Item No. 2025-262 regarding the recommended 2025 Policy Update: FM 15-1 It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Osman, to amend previous Committee action on Business Item No. 2025-262 regarding the recommended 2025 Policy Update: FM 15-1. Motion carried.

#### Information

- 1. Investment Review Third Quarter 2025 (Mark Thompson, 651-602-1629)
  - Presentation
- Litigation Review (closed session) Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues. Ann Bloodhart, General Council, 651-602-1105 presented the item.
  It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Osman, to close this meeting to the public to discuss attorney-client privileged matters. Motion Carried.

Because this was the final agenda item, it was noted that the meeting would not be reopened following the discussion of attorney-client matters and the meeting would be adjourned at the conclusion of the discussions.

In accordance with the motion, the meeting was closed to the public and began discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues at 3:17 pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2025. Chair Johnson asked for the room to be cleared except for Council Members, Management Committee staff and others whose presence is necessary to conduct the closed meeting.

Closed session business was concluded at 3:43 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Ann Bloodhart, Sheri Chesness, Lori Connery, Ray Engler, Darcy Erickson, George Henry, Ned Smith, and Jason Tintes.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

**A.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Metropolitan Council on behalf of its employees v. Michael Hammond.* Acting Deputy General Counsel George Henry advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee

members discussed the matter.

- **B.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled Hay Holding Company, LLC v. Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, and City of Corcoran; Maple Hill MHP LLC and GBH Property, LLC (intervenors) v. Metropolitan Council, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, City of Corcoran (Defendants in Intervention) Associate General Counsel Darcy Erickson advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **C.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Christopher Lee Swickard v. Said Muse and Metropolitan Council.* General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **D.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Bradley Legrid v. Metropolitan Council Management Association d/b/a Metro Transit and Ambrose Young.* General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **E.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Leslie Davis v. Metropolitan Council*. General Counsel Ann Bloodhart the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **F.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jihad Hamoud v. Metropolitan Council*. General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **G.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled Metropolitan Council v. 800 Prairie Center Drive LLC and Craig Oberlander, et al. (Redstone American Grill Parcels 215 and 2.215 Green Line Extension). General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **H.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled The Metropolitan Council and County of Hennepin v. DMJM Harris, Inc. d/b/a AECOM USA, Inc. and AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (collectively "AECOM"). General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- I. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Metropolitan Council v. Crossroads Properties, Inc., et al.* (Hartford Parcel 400 Gold Line) General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **J.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Brooke Blakey and Sidney Jones v. Metropolitan Council.* Acting Deputy General Counsel George Henry advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **K.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Michael Fiorito v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **L.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Blake Pederson v. Metropolitan Council*. Acting Deputy General Counsel George

Henry advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.

- **M.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jamesia Sullen v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* General Counsel Ann Bloodhart advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **N.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Stairstep Foundation v. State of Minnesota, et al.* Acting Deputy General Counsel George Henry advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.
- **O.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Michael Janish v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* Acting Deputy General Counsel George Henry advised the committee members on the facts and issues regarding this matter and answered committee member questions. Committee members discussed the matter.

# Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of November 12, 2025.

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