

Business Item No. 2025-03

TAC Member Appointment



Joint Meeting of the Metropolitan Area Water Supply and Technical Advisory Committees

December 10, 2025 | Greg Johnson

Minnesota Statute 473.1565



A Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee is established to inform the policy advisory committee's work by providing scientific and engineering expertise necessary to provide the region an adequate and sustainable water supply. The technical advisory committee consists of 15 members appointed by the policy advisory committee, with the majority of members representing single-city and multicity public water supply systems in the metropolitan area and including experts in:

1. water resources analysis and modeling;
2. hydrology; and
3. the engineering, planning, design, and construction of water systems or water systems finance.

MAWSAC Bylaws Article 4: Committees and Working Groups



The Chair will create a TAC Appointment Working Group consisting of 3 MAWSAC members, 1 Council staff member, and 1 Metro Cities staff member. The TAC Appointment Working Group will make recommendations to MAWSAC on TAC member selection and TAC governance.

TAC Appointment Working Group



Members:

- Wendy Wulff
- Scott Anderson
- Annika Bankston
- Pooja Kanwar
- Erik Smith

Meeting date: November 4, 2025

Review criteria:

- Organizational representation
- Expertise
- Geographic diversity
- Previous TAC Appointment Working Group recommendation to include representation from DNR and tribal communities

TAC Applications Reviewed



Ellen Considine

Hydrologist Supervisor for Groundwater
Technical Analysis, DNR

Evan Christianson

Vice President and Senior
Hydrogeologist, Barr Engineering

John Chikkala

Environmental Engineer, private citizen

Michelle LaGarde

Project Scientist, Braun Intertec

John Powell

Public Works Director / City Engineer,
City of Farmington

Proposed Action



The TAC Appointment Working Group recommends that the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee appoint the following to the Metropolitan Area Water Supply Technical Advisory Committee:

Ellen Considine
Evan Christianson
Michelle LaGarde



Thank You

Greg Johnson

Principal Engineer, Water Policy & Planning

Jen Kostrzewski

Assistant Manager, Water Policy & Planning

Judy Sventek

Manager, Water Resources

