

Minutes

Special Management Committee



Meeting date: January 28, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

E Chair, Judy Johnson, D1

Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5

Robert Lilligren, District 6

E Yassin Osman, District 7

Diego Morales, District 9

Gail Cederberg, District 11

Mark Jenkins, District 12

= 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 Vice Chair Pacheco called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 3:01 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business

1. 2026-24: 2026-24: Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) Loan Agreement and General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note: Resolution 2026-1

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2026-1, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a Bond

Purchase and Project Loan Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA) and the issuance and sale of the supporting General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note securing the loan.

Motion carried.

Mark Thompson, Director, Treasury presented the item.

Information

1. Data Practices Office Annual Update

Kathryn Olson, Head of Data Practices, and Nisha West, Data Practices Specialist, presented this item. Presenters provided an update on the data request volume, trends, and staff trainings from 2025.

Council Members asked about records retention schedule, types of data and what Data Practices Office will focus on for 2026.

Deputy Regional Administrator noted that prior to the office being stood up within the Office of the General Counsel, data requests were all over the place. Deputy Regional Administrator commended staff for their hard work to streamline process for the organization.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Special Management Committee meeting of January 28, 2026.

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