

# Minutes

Metropolitan Council



**Meeting date:** December 17, 2025

**Time:** 4:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Robin Hutcheson
- ☒ Judy Johnson, District 1
- ☒ Reva Chamblis, District 2
- ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
- ☒ Deb Barber, 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

## 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, Council Chair Hutcheson called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:02 p.m.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Toni Carter.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Morales to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

## Public invitation

No public comments were made.

## Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-7)

1. **2025-295:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached Advisory Comments and Review Record and take the following actions:
  1. Authorize the City of Norwood Young America to place its comprehensive plan amendment into effect.
  2. Find that the amendment does not change the City of Norwood Young America's forecasts.
2. **2025-302:** That the Metropolitan Council update the Plat Monitoring Program as follows:
  - 1) For cities enrolled in the Plat Monitoring Program, the Met Council will calculate net residential density by combining the average net density of the city's last 10 years of actual platting or the average net density of the city's last 10 plats, if fewer than 10 plats have been recorded in the last 10 years, and the lowest allowable density on land identified to support forecasted growth for the relevant staging period. Cities may elect not to have their plat monitoring program data included in the calculations.
  - 2) Eligibility for the Plat Monitoring Program should be restricted to cities with the Suburban Edge and Rural Center community designations.
3. **2025-307:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute sole source with Voestalpine Railway Systems Nortrak LLC in an amount not to exceed \$5,562,950.
4. **2025-309:** That the Metropolitan Council shall approve the 2026-2028 Title VI Program.
5. **2025-310:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  1. Accept the Public Comment Summary Report on the draft amendment to the 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan; and
  2. Adopt the revised final 2050 Regional Parks and Trails Policy Plan Amendment as shown in Attachment 2.
6. **2025-312:** That the Metropolitan Council adopt the attached updated Management of Regional Assets Policy, FM 8-1.
7. **2025-316:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the City of Ramsey to sell two parcels purchased with Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund Loan Numbers L0505 and L0609 for the agreed upon combined value of \$2 million, forward these funds less customary closing costs to the Metropolitan Council in satisfaction of these loans, and direct staff to write-off the remaining loan balances.

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Toni Carter.

**Motion carried.**

## Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

### *Joint reports*

1. **2025-227 JT:** That the Metropolitan Council ("the Council") authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a loan agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation ("MnDOT") for coordinated corridor construction of roadway improvements on the METRO F Line corridor.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Osman.

**Motion carried.**

## **Community Development**

1. **2025-304:** That the Metropolitan Council:
  1. Set the grant award amounts for the 2050 Planning Assistance Grant Program as follows:
    - a. The base award amounts for eligible communities are as follows:
      - i. Sewered communities: \$40,000
      - ii. Unsewered communities: \$25,000
      - iii. County or Consortium: \$110,000
    - b. Eligible Planning Assistance Grant Program participants may choose to opt-in to either or both of the following incentive grants:
      - i. Advancing Regional Goals: \$10,000
      - ii. Early Plan Completion: \$4,000
      - iii. If an eligible participant opts into an incentive grant program and later either chooses not to or is unable to complete program requirements, they shall forfeit those grant dollars but there shall be no penalty.
  2. Set the funding amounts for the 2050 Small Communities Planning Program as follows:
    - a. Each eligible community shall have an identified not-to-exceed (NTE) engineering budget allocation based on need and expected planning effort as determined by the type of wastewater and water supply services further detailed in Table 3 and Attachment 1 of this report.
    - b. Any additional engineering costs would be required to be the responsibility of the local government.

It was moved by Toni Carter, seconded by Morales.

**Motion carried.**

2. **2025-315 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council approve attached resolution 2025-40, adopting Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing Goals for 2021-2030 adopted by the cities of Anoka, Champlin, and Norwood Young America for participation in the Livable Communities Act programs for 2026-2030.

It was moved by Toni Carter, seconded by Barber.

**Motion carried.**

## **Environment**

1. No reports.

## **Management**

1. **2025-292:** That the Metropolitan Council approves the 2026 Non-Represented Plan changes effective December 20, 2025, incorporating the revisions as summarized in the Summary of Changes attached.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Osman, to amend business item 2025-292, by inserting in Exhibit B of the 2026 Non-Represented Plan the Job Classification of Chief Security Officer, with a Salary Grade of E-1. Motion to amend carried.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.

**Motion as amended carried.**



2. **2025-303 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council (Met Council) approve the 2025 Municipal Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) Grant Program guidelines and authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute grants and grant agreements pursuant to the guidelines outlined in Attachments A and B.

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Tyronne Carter.

**Motion carried.**

3. **2025-306:** The Metropolitan Council adopt Resolutions 2025-37, 2025-38, 2025-39, authorizing the issuance, sale and award of general obligation debt, the incurrence of related issuance expenses, and the execution of documents necessary to secure the financings.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Morales.

**Motion carried.**

### ***Transportation***

1. No reports.

### ***Other business***

1. No reports.

### **Information**

1. No reports.

### **Reports**

Chair Hutcheson shared Governor Walz' announcement of Tim O'Malley as Director of Program Integrity and his commitment to reducing fraud. Chair thanked Council staff for their dedication and commitment to the mission of the Council.

Regional Administrator shared Northstar transition plans – January 4, 2026 is the final trip before transitioning to bus service. Regional Administrator thanked staff for their hard work, particularly aligning budget schedule to Council meeting timeline.

### **Adjournment**

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 17, 2025.

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