

# Minutes

Special Management Committee



**Meeting date:** March 11, 2026

**Time:** 3:00 PM

**Location:** 390 Robert Street

## Members present:

Chair, Judy Johnson, D1

Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5

Robert Lilligren, District 6

Yassin Osman, District 7

Diego Morales, District 9

Gail Cederberg, District 11

Mark Jenkins, District 12

= 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, Committee Vice Chair Pacheco called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 3:00 p.m.

## Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was noted by Committee Vice Chair Pacheco.

## Agenda approved

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

## Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2026, meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Non-consent Business

- 2026-48 JT: 2026 Budget Amendment – 1st Quarter and Carry Forward (Stewart McMullan, Director of Budget)**

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes

the 2026 Unified Budgets as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

**Motion carried.**

Stewart McMullan, Director of Budget, presented the item.

## Closed Session

1. **2026-63: METRO Green Line Extension LRT Project: Amendment No. 7 to Light Rail Vehicle Contract 15P148 with Siemens (Jim Alexander, Project Director)**

Jim Alexander, Project Director, and Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Associate General Counsel, presented the item.

It was moved by Jenkins, to close this meeting to the public to discuss attorney-client privileged matters. Committee Vice Chair Pacheco stated that the meeting could be closed to discuss attorney-client privileged matters pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) to Business Item No. 2026-63 that would be discussed during the closed portion of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Lilligren. **Motion Carried.**

In accordance with the motion, the meeting was closed to the public and discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters began at 3:08 p.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2026. Committee Vice Chair Pacheco 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 discussions were concluded at 3:37 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Jim Alexander, Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Phil Walljasper, George Henry, Ned Smith, Greg Ricci, Ben Johnson, and Mee Cheng.

**Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters Regarding a Matter** Entitled 2026-63: METRO Green Line Extension LRT Project: Amendment No. 7 to Light Rail Vehicle Contract 15P148 with Siemens. Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Associate General Counsel, and Jim Alexander, METRO Green Line Extension Project Director presented. There was a discussion of attorney-client privileged matters related to this business item in closed session.

**Re-Open Meeting:** It was moved by Jenkins, and seconded by Osman, to re-open this meeting to the public to complete the remaining business on the agenda. **Motion Carried.** Meeting re-opened to the public at 3:37 pm.

## Re-opening Meeting

1. **2026-63: METRO Green Line Extension LRT Project: Amendment No. 7 to Light Rail Vehicle Contract 15P148 with Siemens (Jim Alexander, Project Director)**

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to Contract 15P148 with Siemens Mobility, Inc. for light rail vehicles in support of the METRO Green Line Extension Project to amend the Dispute Resolution clause in the Contract.

**Motion carried.**

Jim Alexander, Project Director, and Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Associate General Counsel, presented the item.



## Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:45 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 March 11, 2026.

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