

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: February 11, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| ☒ Chair, Judy Johnson, D1 | ☒ Robert Lilligren, District 6 | ☒ Gail Cederberg, District 11 |
| ☒ Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5 | ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7 | ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12 |
| | ☒ Diego Morales, District 9 | ☒ = 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 Chair Johnson called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 2:30 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was noted by Committee Chair 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 Cederberg, to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2026, special meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Information

1. Quarterly Procurement & MCUB Goals Review

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, and Ashanti Payne, Assistant Director of Office of Equity and Equal Opportunity presented the quarterly procurement and Met Council Underutilized (MCUB) goals.

Jody Jacoby presented procurement summary data for contracts under and over \$175,000, as well as by solicitation types. Procurement staff rolled out targeted trainings with a focus on core competencies and awareness of updated policies, procedures, and signature authority. Ashanti Payne presented on MCUB spend and payment data, as well as opportunities to improve for purchase of goods that fall outside of the procurement process. Council Members discussed state and national cooperative agreements and asked staff where Council Members can help the organization with MCUB goals.

2. Investment Review - Fourth Quarter 2025 – moved to the Feb. 25 Management Committee Meeting

This information item was pushed to the next Management Committee on February 25, 2026.

3. Litigation Review (closed session): Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues.

Ann Bloodhart, General Council, presented the item.

It was moved by Lilligren, and seconded by Morales, 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 3:19 pm, Wednesday, February 11, 2026. 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 3:52 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Ann Bloodhart, Peter Hanf, Chelsea Bartoe, Darcy Erickson, George Henry, Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Ned Smith, Ray Engel, Phil Walljasper, Mee Cheng.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

- A. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *In re City of Cottage Grove's Decision on the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Amrize (Formerly Holcim – MWR, Inc.) Nelson Mine Backwater Project*. Associate General Counsel Peter Hanf 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 *Beatrice Moore as Trustee v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* Risk Management Director Ray Engler 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 *Robert Starr and Andrea Walker, as co-trustees and next of kin of Kendrick Starr v. Metropolitan Council*. Risk Management Director Ray Engler 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 *Jihad Hamoud v. Metropolitan Council*. Associate General Counsel Chelse Bartoe advised 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 *The Metropolitan Council and County of Hennepin v. DMJM Harris, Inc. d/b/a AECOM USA, Inc. and AECOM Technical Services, Inc.* 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.
- G. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Brooke Blakey and Sidney Jones v. Metropolitan Council*. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Blake Pederson v. Metropolitan Council*. 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.
- J. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Stairstep Foundation v. State of Minnesota, et al.* 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 Janish v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* 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.
- L. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Leslie Davis 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.
- M. 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.* 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 *Metropolitan Council v. Crossroads Properties, Inc., et al.* 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 *The Metropolitan Council v. CRW Woodbury, LLC; et al.* 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 3:52 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of February 11, 2026.

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