

# Minutes

Management Committee



**Meeting date:** May 13, 2026

**Time:** 2:30 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

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## 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 2:32 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 Morales, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2026, meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

## Non-consent Business

1. **2026-81:** Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for Employee Experience Services

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for services provided by the State Employee Experience Unit.

**Motion carried.**

Larry Phillips, Acting Controller, presented the item.

2. **2026-82:** Joint Powers Agreement with State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for Strategic Plan Support

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Pacheco, authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the State of Minnesota, Department of Management and Budget for services provided by the State Office of Inclusion.

**Motion carried.**

Larry Phillips, Acting Controller, presented the item.

3. **2026-92:** Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Small Business Element

It was moved by Pacheco, seconded by Morales, that the Metropolitan Council:

1. Adopt the proposed size standard thresholds for a DBE-Neutral, two-tier small business program element outlined in the attached program document, currently \$5,000,000 for Emerging Small Business Enterprises (ESBEs) and \$16,000,00 for Small Business Enterprises (SBEs).
2. Direct the Regional Administrator and Council staff to implement the attached Small Business program for appropriate federally funded projects.

**Motion carried.**

Ashanti Payne, Director – Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs, presented the item.

4. **2026-99:** Joint Powers Agreement with Omnia Partners, Contract 26I038

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute a Joint Powers Agreement with Omnia Partners, contract 26I038, to allow the Council to utilize their contracts for cooperative purchasing of goods and services.

**Motion carried.**

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, presented the item.



## Information

### 1. 2026 Bond Sale Results (Mark Thompson, Director – Treasury)

Mark Thompson, Director – Treasury, presented an overview of the 2026 Bond sale results.

### 2. Investment Review – First Quarter 2026 (Mark Thompson, Director – Treasury)

Mark Thompson, Director – Treasury, presented an investment for First Quarter 2026, covering market trends, short- and long-term portfolio performances, as well as OPEB Trust results. Council Member Jenkins asked if there are concerns about municipal bonds. Staff responded that there are state laws and requirements that mandate which types of bonds the Council can and cannot buy.

Council Members shared their appreciation for the transparency and honesty of the investment data presented in the meeting.

### 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 Jenkins, and seconded by Lilligren, 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 3:08 pm, Wednesday, May 13, 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 3:33 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Ann Bloodhart, Chelsea Bartoe, George Henry, Laura Baures, Ned Smith, Ray Engel, Phil Walljasper, Mee Cheng, Maika Burchett, Maika Boeckel, and Greg Ricci.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

- A. 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.
- B. 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.

- C. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Kayla Kester 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.
- D. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Myron Denny v. Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit Police, Kham Yang, Angela Kruyer*. 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 *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.
- F. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jihad Hamoud v. Metropolitan Council*. Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe advised 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 *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)*. 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.
- H. 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 (collectively "AECOM")*. 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 *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.
- J. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Michael Fiorito v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* Associate General Counsel Chelsea Bartoe 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 *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.

- L. 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.
- 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. (Redstone American Grill – Parcels 215 and 2.215 – Green Line Extension)*. 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. (Hartford Parcel 400 – Gold Line)*. 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. (Parcel 401 – Gold Line)*. 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 3:35 p.m.

### Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of May 13, 2026.

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