

Minutes

Special Committee of the Whole



Meeting date: September 17, 2025

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Mississippi Crossings Event Center
307 E. River Parkway, Champlin, MN 55316

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Deb Barber | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Jenkins, District 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Johnson, District 1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yassin Osman, District 7 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chai Lee, District 13 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reva Chamblis, District 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Anjuli Cameron, District 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victor Obisakin, District 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gail Cederberg, District 11 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> = 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

1. 4:30 pm: Open house with light refreshments provided by Jensen's Market
2. 5:00 pm: Committee of the Whole call to order

Chair Barber called the meeting to order and provided an overview of the Metropolitan Council. Champlin Mayor Ryan Sabas provided welcoming remarks and welcomed attendees to Champlin.

Chair Barber invited attendees to introduce themselves around the room.

Tane Danger: Introduction and question-and-answer session with Council Member Chamblis.

Panelist discussion hosted by Tane Danger and Council Member Chamblis, Champlin Mayor Sabas, Columbia Heights Mayor Amáda Márquez Simula. The panel focused on examples of good planning and coordination.

Tane Danger hosted an additional panel discussion on community perspectives with Council Member Diego Morales, Brooklyn Park Mayor Hollies Winston and business representative Teshite Wako.

Chair Barber provided closing remarks and what we learned from tonight's conversations. Chair Barber thanked attendees for sharing their perspectives and thanked the panel of local speakers, the City of Champlin for hosting.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Special Committee of the Whole meeting of September 17, 2025.

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