

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: July 23, 2025

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

☒ Chair, Judy Johnson, D1

☒ Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5

☒ Deb Barber, District 4

☒ Robert Lilligren, District 6

☒ Yassin Osman, District 7

☒ Gail Cederberg, District 11

☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12

☐ = present, E = excused

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 Council Member Johnson.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Cederberg to approve the minutes of the Month 00, 2025, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business

1. 2025-174 SW: Council Property Insurance Contract Renewal

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes to bind coverage of its property insurance effective 8/1/25-8/1/26, in an amount not to exceed \$4,670,000.

Motion carried.

Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator, Enterprise Risk Officer, 651-602-1787 presented the item.

2. **2025-164:** Building Controls Specialist: 24P204

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Cederberg, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 24P204 with Eric Hanson Consulting, to provide consulting services for building controls systems, on-site support of building controls systems, building control interfaces, system, integrations, and support of devices in an amount not to exceed \$729,100.

Motion carried.

Greg Kaslow, Manager Central Services, 612-207-9586 presented the item.

3. **2025-176:** Long Term Disability Insurance

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P013 with MetLife to provide Long Term Disability insurance for all eligible Council employees in the amount not to exceed \$2,298,256.

Motion carried.

Michelle Murray, Sr. Manager Benefits, 651-602-1390 presented the item.

4. **2025-175 SW:** Agreement with Granicus for Legistar Software Application

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25M030 with Carahsoft, an authorized software reseller on State of Texas, Department of Information Resources Cooperative Contract DIR-CPO-5131 for Granicus' Legistar software system in an amount not to exceed \$768,000.

Motion carried.

Mee Cheng, Senior Manager, Administrative Services, 763-388-0993 presented the item.

Information

1. 2026 General Purposes Levy Strategy and Preliminary Regional Admin Budget Allocations
Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer, 651-602-1162 presented the item.

2. Litigation Review (closed session): Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged matters and Litigation issues. Ann Bloodhart, General Council, 651-602-1105 presented the item.

It was moved by Cederberg, 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 3:25 pm, Wednesday, July 23, 2025. 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 3:54 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Laura Baures, Ann Bloodhart, Sheri Chesness, Lori Connery, Peter Hanf, George Henry, Patrick Lee-O'Halloran, Greg Ricci, Ned Smith, Cassandra Tabor and Phil Walljasper.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

- A.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jihad Hamoud v. Metropolitan Council*. Associate General Counsel Laura Baures 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 *Metropolitan Council v. 800 Prairie Center Drive LLC and Craig Oberlander et al. (Redstone American Grill Inc Parcels 215 and 2.215 – Green Line Extension)* 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.
- C.** 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”)* Associate General Counsel Patrick Lee-O’Halloran 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 *Metropolitan Council v. Crossroads Properties, Inc., et al. (Hartford Parcel 400 – Gold Line)*. Acting 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.
- E.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Brooke Blakey and Sidney Jones v. Metropolitan Council*. Acting 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 *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.
- G.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Wasyihun Fanta v. Metro Transit, 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.
- H.** Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Jamesia Sullen v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* Associate General Counsel Laura Baures 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 *Stairstep Foundation v. State of Minnesota, et al.* Acting 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 Janish v. Metropolitan Council, et al.* Acting 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 3:54 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the

Management Committee meeting of July 23, 2025.

Approved this 13 day of August 2025.

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