

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: August 27, 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

E 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 2:31 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.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Lilligren to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2025, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business

1. 2025-194 JT: 3rd Quarter Budget Amendment

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes the 2025 Unified Budget as amended and in accordance with the attached tables.

Motion carried.

Stewart McMullan, Director of Budget, 651-602-1374 presented the item.

2. **2025-170 JT:** Transit Funding Allocation Policy Update

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Barber, that the Metropolitan Council (1) adopt the attached FM 12-3 transit funding allocation policy and (2) direct staff to develop procedures to implement this policy.

Motion carried.

Council members thanked the staff for their hard work.

Charles Carlson, Executive Director, MTS, 651-602-1761 presented the item.

3. **2025-202:** Wide Area Network Hosting, Contract 25I067

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25I067 with the State of Minnesota Information Technology Services (MNIT) to provide data center co-location hosting services in amount not to exceed \$4,948,734.

Motion carried.

Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, 651-602-1443 presented the item.

4. **2025-203:** E-911 Independent Emergency Services, Contract 20P022 Amendment #2

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment for contract 20P022 with Independent Emergency Services for maintenance and support that will increase the contract value by \$190,000 for a total contract not to exceed amount of \$552,958.

Motion carried

Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, 651-602-1443 and Josh Alswager, Operations Program Manager, Information Services, 651-602-1065 presented the item.

5. **2025-217:** Mitel Systems Maintenance Services, Contract 25P043

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Osman, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P043 with Cady Business Technologies to provide unified communications maintenance services in an amount not to exceed \$2,078,500.

Council Member Johnson abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Motion carried

Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, 651-602-1443) presented the item.

6. **2025-218:** Vehicle Area Network Refresh, Contract 25P254

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 25P254 with Paragon Development Systems (PDS) to provide vehicle network equipment, licensing, maintenance, and technical services for an amount not to exceed \$8,800,000.

Motion carried

Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, 651-602-1443 presented the item.

7. **2025-219:** Green Line Extension Rail Liability Insurance

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes binding rail liability insurance, related to the Green Line Extension, in an amount not to exceed \$4,600,000.

Motion carried

CFO Ned Smith introduced Ray Engler, the new Director, Risk Management.

Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator, Enterprise Risk Officer, 651-602-1787; Ray Engler, Director, Risk Management, presented the item.

Information

1. No items

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of August 27, 2025.

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