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[Wendy Wulff](#)

[Christopher Ferguson](#)

[Judy Johnson](#)

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

4:00p.m.

Council Chambers

### IN ATTENDANCE

Muse, Lee, Ferguson, Barber, Gonzalez, Johnson, Fredson, Atlas-Ingebretson, Cummings, Lindstrom, Sterner, Zeran, Chamblis, Lilligren, Vento, Wulff, Slawik

### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Chair Slawik called the meeting to order at 4:03pm

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Lilligren.

It was moved by Barber, seconded by Wulff.

### CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda

### BUSINESS

Community Development – No Reports

Environment – No Reports

Management – No Reports

Transportation – No Reports

### OTHER BUSINESS

2019-52 Approve the following standing committee assignments recommended by the Chair, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

Community Development	Environment	Management	Transportation	Audit
Lilligren, Chair	Lindstrom, Chair	Ferguson, Chair	Barber, Chair	Johnson, Chair

Vento, Vice Chair	Wulff, Vice Chair	Johnson, Vice Chair	Chamblis, Vice Chair	Lee, Vice Chair
Atlas-Ingebretson	Fredson	Barber	Atlas-Ingebretson	Ferguson
Cummings	Sterner	Gonzalez	Cummings	Vento
Chamblis	Vento	Lee	Ferguson	
Johnson	Zeran	Lilligren	Fredson	
Lee		Muse	Gonzalez	
Lindstrom			Sterner	
Muse			Zeran	
Wulff				

2. That the Metropolitan Council approve Molly Cummings as Vice Chair of the Council, pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article I.

3. That the Metropolitan Council approve the following special and advisory committees, commissions, and boards assignments, as recommended by the Chair and pursuant to Council Bylaws, Article III.

<b>Investment Review Committee</b>	<b>Equity Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Land Use Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Metropolitan Area Water Supply Advisory Committee</b>
Sterner, Chair	Gonzalez, Co-Chair	Wulff, Chair	Wulff
Barber	Fredson		
	Lee		
	Muse		
<b>Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission</b>	<b>Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Transportation Advisory Board</b>	<b>Metropolitan Airports Commission</b>
Atlas-Ingebretson	Lee (liaison)	Barber	Ferguson (ex officio)

<b>Southwest LRT Corridor Management Committee</b>	<b>Bottineau LRT Corridor Management Committee</b>	<b>METRO Gold Line Corridor Management Committee</b>	<b>Southwest LRT Executive Change Control Board</b>
Cummings	Atlas-Ingebretson	Gonzalez	Cummings
Ferguson	Lilligren		
<b>METRO Gold Line Community and Business Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Riverview Corridor Policy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Rush Line BRT Policy Advisory Committee</b>	<b>Environmental Quality Board</b>
Lee	Fredson	Vento	Lindstrom (alternate/ex officio)
<b>Urban Land Institute Board</b>	<b>I-35W Solutions Alliance</b>	<b>Clean Water Council</b>	<b>Southwest LRT PLACES</b>
Chamblis	Muse	Sterner	Atlas-Ingebretson

It was moved by Cummings, seconded by Wulff.

**Motion carried.**

## **INFORMATION**

Ann Bloodhart and Dave Theisen, on behalf of the Office of Government Counsel, presented information on the Statutory Responsibility, Bylaws, Conflict, Robert's Rules of Order for the Met Council.

## **REPORTS**

Council Members:

Johnson – thanked community members, friends, and family for the support of her appointment, acknowledged the many qualified candidates who applied. She looked forward to advancing the One Minnesota agenda of the Governor and supporting overlooked communities in the region.

Chamblis – thanked the Council Members, applicants, and supporters in the audience. She looked forward to serving the many communities in her district and supporting their needs in committee work and in the Council.

Ferguson – was thankful for the opportunity to serve District 3 and looked forward to the completion of the Southwest Green Line Extension and economic opportunities it will bring. He looked forward to working with all the people he has met.

Barber – was excited to be serving for another term and enjoyed getting to know the new members. She looked forward to continuing her work in the district and bringing it to the work the Council does.

Cummings – thanked the Chair and staff for an excellent orientation and felt informed. She looked forward to working on Southwest LRT expansion and a more robust transit system and what that will mean for the region.

Atlas-Ingebretson – thanked her family, friends, and neighbors who helped in her appointment. She shared her question for the council as to how they will all address the economic gaps between many communities in the region and what the Council will do to address the inequity in many systems in the region.

Lilligren – expressed gratitude to the Governor, the Chair, Regional Administrator, and especially staff who helped in the orientation of the new Council Members, and to the Nominating Committee who interviewed candidates. He looked forward to advancing the goals of One Minnesota with inclusive and equitable economic development.

Muse – was excited to meet his fellow Council Members and to work on affordable housing, inclusive economic development, and working towards a region where disparities are eliminated. He thanked the Imams and community members who were there to support the Council.

[Chair Slawik took time to acknowledge members of the Nominating Committee who were in the audience.]

Zeran – thanked the Chair and Nominating Committee for their support and looked forward to working on solar energy, energy efficiency, and transportation issues in his district and region. He looked forward to a process that is open and takes in different viewpoints

Lindstrom – was excited to get to work on the pressing issues around affordable housing and economic development. He observed that the 2040 Plan anticipates another million people moving to the region and the Council will need to work on planning for their needs.

Vento – was excited and humbled to begin her work and thanked her family for their support. She echoed the gratitude of other Council Members for the work of the Chair, Regional Administrator, and staff for getting ready for them. She was excited to get to work on the many things to do in the role and expressed appreciation for the community to be involved in their work.

Gonzalez – thanked those present for the opportunity to serve and looked forward to creating a smart, sustainable, and equitable community on behalf of his district.

Lee – thanked the Chair and looked forward to working on the crisis in affordable housing. He noted his profession of working to prepare people of diverse backgrounds for work on government boards and commissions and appreciated the equitable appointments made by the administration and the excellent orientation prepared by staff.

Fredson – looked forward to establishing relationships that benefit the region and learning about the various issues that Council deals with as it works to enact a One Minnesota vision.

Sterner – thanked the Chair, Governor, and Lt. Governor, and people who supported his appointment. He looked forward to working on transportation issues for Scott and Dakota County, working on environmental and renewable energy issues, and working on affordable housing. He thanked his family friends and neighbors who supported him throughout the process.

Wulff – looked forward to the opportunity to serve in her 5<sup>th</sup> term and to get to know and work with her new colleagues.

Chair: no reports

Regional Administrator: welcomed the new council members and outlined some of the work of the first few weeks.

General Counsel: thanked the Council Members and let them know on behalf of the Office of Government Counsel that they look forward to working with them and answering any of their questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

### **Certification**

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council Meeting of March 6, 2019.

Approved this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Peter Grafstrom

Recording Secretary