

Minutes

Metropolitan Council



Meeting date: April 9, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chair, Charlie Zelle | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Lilligren, District 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Vento, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toni Carter, District 14 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tyronne Carter, District 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Morales, District 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant, District 15 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Barber, District 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peter Lindstrom, District 10 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wendy Wulff, District 16 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Pacheco Jr., District 5 | <input checked="" 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

A quorum being present, Council Chair Zelle called the regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council to order at 4:02 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was read by Council Member Chamblis.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2025, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council. **Motion carried.**

Public invitation

No members of the public indicated they wish to speak.

Consent business

Consent business adopted (Items 1-3)

1. **2025-84:** The Metropolitan Council adopt Resolution 2025-8, which authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute a Bond Purchase and Project Loan Agreement with the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority (PFA), in substantially the form as the attached draft agreement, and authorizes the issuance and sale of the supporting General Obligation Wastewater Revenue Note securing the loan, in substantially the form as the draft Note referenced in the Resolution.
2. **2025-85:** That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to contract 19P142 with Origami Risk, LLC that will add \$1,890,547 for software maintenance and support for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,776,131.
3. **2025-93 SW:** That the Metropolitan Council authorizes the Regional Administrator to execute an amendment to Contract 09P158 that will add \$74,873.00 to close out the Metro 94 facilities lease which expires June 30, 2025.

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales.

Motion carried.

Non-consent business – Reports of standing committees

Community Development

No reports.

Environment

No reports.

Management

No reports.

Transportation

No reports.

Joint reports

No reports.

Other business

1. **2025-91:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointment to the Transportation Advisory Board (TAB):
District H Alternate – Rachel Chinitz
It was moved by Chamblis, seconded by Wulff.
Motion carried.
2. **2025-104:** That the Metropolitan Council approve the following appointments to the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC):
 - **District 1:** Tom McKee, Mayor of Corcoran
 - **District 2:** Lona Doolan, St. Anthony City Council
 - **District 3:** Erik Anderson
 - **District 4 (Carver):** Gerald Bruner, Town Board Supervisor of Watertown Township
 - **District 4 (Scott):** Kathy Hofer Mocol
 - **District 5:** Shawn Hayford Oleary, Richfield City Council
 - **District 6:** Robert Glisky



- **District 7:** Gunnar Carlson
- **District 8:** Noah Keller
- **District 9:** Beketa Jilo
- **District 10:** Dan Roe, Mayor of Roseville
- **District 11:** Kristin Libby, Scandia City Council
- **District 12:** William Droste, Dakota County Commissioner
- **District 13:** Mai Chong Xiong, Ramsey County Commissioner
- **District 14:** VACANT
- **District 15:** VACANT
- **District 16:** Daniel Wolter, Lakeville City Council

It was moved by Morales, seconded by Wulff.

CM Vento offered that she knows of someone that could help with the recruiting efforts for the two vacancies.

Motion carried.

Reports

Regional Administrator O'Connor referenced the current work at the legislature and said that there will be more clarity on preliminary budgets as it pertains to transportation by the end of the week. Regarding the Northstar Commuter Rail Line productive discussions have been happening with Anoka and Sherburne Counties on how service can be increased in new and improved ways. Lastly, RA O'Connor mentioned that he and Chair Zelle will be attending the 2025 Citizen's League event recognizing two community pillars, Peter Bell, the former Metropolitan Council Chair, and Sharon McMahon, an author from Duluth. CM Wulff will also be in attendance.

Chair Zelle shared that he and RA O'Connor appeared before the Legislative Audit Commission hearing on the Office of Legislative Auditor report regarding Southwest Light Rail project. Despite criticisms, the project has stayed on budget for the past three years and is on track to open in 2027.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council meeting of April 9, 2025.

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