

Minutes

Special Management Committee



Meeting date: April 24, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, Judy Johnson,
District 1

E Vice Chair, Chai Lee, District 13

Deb Barber, District 4

John Pacheco Jr., District 5

E Robert Lilligren, District 6

Yassin Osman, District 7

Gail Cederberg, District 11

= present, E = excused

Call to order

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Johnson called the regular meeting of the Special Management Committee to order at 3:01 p.m.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Cederberg, seconded by Osman to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024, regular meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent business

1. **No Business Items**

Information

1. Quarterly Financial Report

- Presentation

Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer, 651-602-1162, presented the item with Matt Gsellmeier, Heather Giesel and Ed Petrie and answered committee member questions.

2. Metro Transit Revenue Electronic Equipment Technician Training Program Recognition
Aaron Koski, Senior Manager, Human Resources, Workforce Development, 612-349-7158 presented the item. He introduced the first new technicians from the program; Eric Cox, Sr., Rhea Martin and Nick Balster. Each shared how this new program has affected their lives and benefited their families as well. Council members all welcomed them and congratulated them on completing the program.
3. 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 Barber, and seconded by Pacheco, 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 3:46 pm, Wednesday, April 24, 2024. 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 3:53 p.m.

The following persons attended the closed portion of the committee meeting: Daniel Abelson, Lisa Barjas, Ann Bloodhart, Lori Connery, George Henry, Greg Ricci, Ned Smith and David Theisen.

BUSINESS (in closed meeting):

- A. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Stairstep Foundation v. State of Minnesota, et al.*** Deputy General Counsel Dave Theisen 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 *Michael Janish v. Metropolitan Council, et. al.*** Associate General Counsel Dan Abelson 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 *Angela Gibson v. Metro HRA.*** 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.
- D. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Timmy Webber v. Metropolitan Council.*** 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.
- E. Discussion of Attorney-Client Privileged Matters and Litigation Issues Regarding a Matter Entitled *Zina Baker v. Metropolitan Council.*** Associate General Counsel Dan Abelson 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 3:53 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of April 24, 2024.

Approved this 8 day of May 2024.

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