Minutes

Special Committee of the Whole

Meeting date: October 21, 2026 **Time**: 4:00 PM **Location:** Heywood Council Chambers
560 N. 6th Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55411

Members present:

- ☒ Chair, Robin Hutcheson
- ☐ Judy Johnson, District 1
- ☒ Reva Chamblis, District 2
- ☒ Tyronne Carter, District 3
- ☐ Deb Barber, District 4
- ☒ John Pacheco Jr., District 5
- ☐ Robert Lilligren, District 6
- ☒ Yassin Osman, District 7
- ☐ Anjuli Cameron, District 8
- ☐ Diego Morales, District 9
- ☒ Peter Lindstrom, District 10
- ☐ Gail Cederberg, District 11
- ☒ Mark Jenkins, District 12
- ☐ Chai Lee, District 13
- ☒ Toni Carter, District 14
- ☒ Victor Obisakin, District 15
- ☒ Wendy Wulff, District 16

☒ = 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 was not present, Council Chair Hutcheson called the special meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole to order at 4:03 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

Upon achieving a quorum at 4:17pm, Council members did not have any comments or changes to the agenda.

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Obisakin, seconded by Wulff to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2026, regular meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole, and the

minutes of the October 7, 2026, special meeting of the Metropolitan Council's Committee of the Whole. **Motion carried**.

Information

1. **Open Meeting Safety and Security Training and Discussion (closed session)**

   It was motioned by Wulff, seconded by Osman, to close this meeting to the public to discuss Open Meeting Safety and Security Training and Discussion. **Motion carried.**

   Because this was the final agenda item, it was noted that the meeting would not be reopened following the discussion of Open Meeting Safety and Security Training and Discussion 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 the Open Meeting Safety and Security Training and Discussion at 4:19 p.m., Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Chair Hutcheson asked for the room to be cleared except for Council Members, leadership staff and others whose presence is necessary to conduct the closed meeting.

   Closed session business was concluded at 6:03 p.m.

   The following persons attended the closed portion of the Metropolitan Council meeting: Ryan O'Connor, Ann Bloodhart, Sam O'Connell, Phil Walljasper, Lidiya Girma, Lieutenant Kadra Mohamed, Chief Joseph Dotseth, Lisa Belland, Nathan Hanson, Elias Montesa, Michael Sund, Chris Ceaser, Andrew Brody, Becky Gorell, Jillian Linnell, Lesley Kandaras, Charles Carlson, Brian Funk, Megan Burchett, Maika Boeckel, Mee Cheng, Jason Tintes, and Kathryn McLaughin.

   BUSINESS (in closed meeting)

   Todd Axtell, John Kirkwood, and Rick Larkin presented to the Council Members on the open meeting safety and security training and discussion and answered Council Member questions.

Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Metropolitan Council's Special Committee of the Whole meeting of October 21, 2026.

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