

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: April 22, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, Judy Johnson, D1

Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5

Robert Lilligren, District 6

Yassin Osman, District 7

Diego Morales, District 9

Gail Cederberg, District 11

Mark Jenkins, District 12

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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 2:30 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

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

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Lilligren, seconded by Morales, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting of the Special Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent Business

1. **2026-75: Virtualization Platform Renewal, Contract 26P087 (Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer)**

It was moved by Osman, seconded by Jenkins, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 26P087 with Peller Technologies d.b.a. Paragon Development Systems to renew VMware Cloud licensing and support services for an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.

Motion carried.

Gretchen White, Chief Information Officer, presented the item.

Information

1. **Fourth Quarter 2025 Financial Report (Larry Phillips, Acting Controller; Christine Dwyer, Director of Finance & Administration – Environmental Services; Heather Giesel, Director of Administration – CD & MTS; April Snyder, Manager, Metro Transit)**

Larry Phillips, Acting Controller, opened the presentation with an overview of the general fund operating financial report.

Christine Dwyer, Director of Finance & Administration – Environmental Services, gave a presentation on the Environmental Services' operating financial report regarding expenses, revenue, transfers and ending reserve balance. Sewer Availability Charges (SAC) units saw a decline in residential rates. Reserve balance for SAC is healthy and strong. Council Member Jenkins asked what the target is for SAC reserves. Staff noted that the target is three years of SAC (an estimate of \$55 million).

Heather Giesel, Director of Administration – Community Development and Metropolitan Transportation Services (MTS), provided an overview of revenue and expenses for the following areas: Housing Redevelopment Authority, MTS, and contracted services. Revenue was favorable due to several factors such as federal passthrough funds, fuel cost in 2025, and personnel vacancies.

Larry Phillips presented data regarding revenue and balances for Motor Vehicle Sales Tax and Regional Sales and Use Tax.

April Snyder, Manager – Metro Transit, covered Metro Transit's financial report. Revenue was higher than budgeted due to higher number of TRIP agents hired at year-end. Expenses were lower due to fuel cost; utility rates went up but utilized less due to buses becoming more hybrid.

Council Members thanked the Finance team for their work to stay on top of budget and for the transparency in the quarterly financial reports.

2. **February Economic Forecast for MVST and Transportation Sales and Use Tax and Special Transportation Services (Stewart McMullan, Budget Director; Zoe Berman, Principal Financial Analyst)**

Zoe Berman, Principal Financial Analyst, gave an overview of the state's forecast for Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (MVST) and Metropolitan Regional Transportation Sales and Use Tax.



MVST forecast dropped, which wiped two years of expected growth. Berman concluded with overview of Special Transportation Services (STS) / Metro Mobility, which was included as a program forecasted by the State for fiscal year 2026.

3. Regional Administration Strategic Plan (Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator; Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer; Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer)

Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator, introduced the Regional Administration Strategic Plan.

Ned Smith, Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of the business areas within the Finance Department. In addition, Smith covered 2026 improvements, including a new chart of accounts for BPSI work, partnership with Audit and Compliance to implement internal controls process, improved budget collaboration with divisions for 2027 budgeting, and the MN Paid Leave program.

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, provided an overview of the Procurement Department. Jacoby highlighted 2025 procurement data and 2026 procurement initiatives such as Process Excellence & P2P Readiness, enhanced support to business units, and Procurement University. These initiatives will standardize and improve processes while enhancing support to internal and external business partners.

4. Management Committee Workplan (Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator)

Phil Walljasper, Deputy Regional Administrator, briefly covered the Management Committee workplan for the year. Council Members are interested in seeing occasional reports that the Council submits whether that those are per state statutes or by policies.

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 22, 2026.

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