

Minutes

Management Committee



Meeting date: May 27, 2026

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: 390 Robert Street

Members present:

Chair, Diego Morales, D9

Vice Chair, John Pacheco Jr., D5

Judy Johnson, District 1

Robert Lilligren, District 6

Yassin Osman, District 7

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 Morales called the regular meeting of the Management Committee to order at 2:31 p.m.

Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment

The Dakota Land, Water, and People Acknowledgment was noted by Committee Chair Morales.

Agenda approved

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

Approval of minutes

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Lilligren, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2026, meeting of the Management Committee. **Motion carried.**

Non-consent Business

1. **2026-98:** Computers Lifecycle Management, Contract 26P146

It was moved by Jenkins, seconded by Lilligren, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute contract 26P146 with Peller Technologies d.b.a. Paragon Development Systems to provide computer equipment and lifecycle management support service for a contract not to exceed amount of \$11,000,000.

Motion carried.

Sue Hauge, Deputy Chief Information Officer, presented the item.

Information

1. **Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Programs Department Update** (Ashanti Payne, Director – OCRSB)

Ashanti Payne, Director – Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Program (OCRSB), presented a departmental update to the committee. Changes to the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Program include: new name for the department, Investigations and Resolutions unit team moved to the new Risk and Compliance department, and lastly, creation of the Civil Rights unit. Payne walked through each OCRSB unit, its purpose and strategic priorities. Council Member Morales asked about the MCUB threshold and staff noted that the MCUB threshold is for the income of the owner.

2. **Quarterly Procurement and MCUB Spend** (Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer; Ashanti Payne, Director – OCRSB)

Jody Jacoby, Chief Procurement Officer, and Ashanti Payne, Director of OCRSB, gave a presentation on the quarterly procurement and MCUB spend. Jacoby noted that the procurement data trend for this quarter is similar to previous quarter. Over 90% is for less than \$10,000. For MCUB spend, 21% of small procurement went to MCUB vendors; 79% went to non-MCUB vendors. Of the contracts over \$175,000, 72% went through the cooperative purchasing venture, which reduced procurement time. Jacoby concluded by highlighting three procurement examples and noted the significant reduction in procurement action lead time (32 days versus 272 days).

Ashanti Payne, Director of OCRSB, presented on MCUB goals and commitments. In quarter 1, the MCUB goal was not met due to fewer number of contracts reviewed by OCRSB and the lower percentage of contracts reviewed. Only one contract was awarded to a MCUB vendor as prime. The procurement card (p-card) MCUB trend differs from the overall MCUB trend. This data point is difficult to pinpoint; however, staff are encouraged to explore MCUB vendors for day-to-day p-card spend.

Committee Chair Morales asked what happens when a contract does not meet the goals. Staff noted that there is a Good Faith Effort review process where the vendors writes up why a goal was not met. If determined that Good Faith Effort was met, award the contract. If goal is not met, then Council can reward contract to next proposal.

Council Members and staff discussed opportunities to review sellers on sites such as Amazon to see if there is ability to determine MCUB status. Staff noted that where Council staff can make the determination, staff will do so.



Adjournment

Business completed; the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing narrative and exhibits constitute a true and accurate record of the Management Committee meeting of May 27, 2026.

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