

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025
12:00 PM

Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Vice Chair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Budget Working Session

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Monday, September 29, 2025 to order at 12:01 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene, Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

1. Discussion

1.A. 2026 Proposed Budget Presentation - Disparity Elimination

Commissioner Debbie Goettel gave a brief overview and handed the floor to County Administrator Jodi Wentland. Ms. Wentland introduced the 2026 proposed budget on behalf of Kareem Murphy, Deputy County Administrator of Disparity Elimination. The 2026 proposed budget was presented by following individuals:

Alexandra "Zandy" Iverson, Budget and Finance manager
Christa Mims, Director Education Support Services
Diana Chaman Salas, Director Climate & Resiliency
Joe Mathews, Chief Financial Officer
May Xiong, Chief Workforce Development Officer
Vernona Boswell, Director Outreach & Community Supports

2. Old Business

2.A. [25-0364](#)

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

LAIID OVER

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to lay over until Wednesday October 1, 2025.

Aye: Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde and Commissioner Anderson

3. Open Forum Budget

Members of the public will be able to call in to record a comment that will be played for the board at the following budget hearing. The line will be open for four hours starting at the end of each budget hearing. Comments should be related to this specific hearing. Instructions to participate are available at hennepin.us.

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for September 29, 2025 was declared recessed at 2:14 p.m. The 2026 proposed budget presentation will reconvene October 1, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board