

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
1:30 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

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, January 13, 2026 to order at 2:01 p.m.

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

1. 2026 Budget Update

1.A. January Presentation

County Administrator Jodi Wentland provided an introduction, followed by a presentation given by Chief Financial Officer, Joe Mathews.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

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

3. Open Appointment Interviews

3.A. [26-0007](#)

2026 Watershed Board Applicants and Appointments - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Ricardo Bonner
Jessica Loftus
Richard (Dick) Miller
Janet Schaefer

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.B. [26-0008](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Capital Budgeting Task Force (CBTF)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Wajdi Al-Mowafak
Rustin Ekness
Greg Sticha
Carol Vosberg

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.C. [26-0009](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - County Extension Committee (University of Minnesota Extension)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Susan Palchick Silver
Chris Van De Ligt

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.D. [26-0010](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

PROGRESS

There were no pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.E. [26-0011](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

Negin Emami Simones

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.F. [26-0012](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

**Benjamin Ahrendt
Anthony Albright
Michael Gonsalves
Aaron Guggemos
Kim Kang
Jessica Kraft
Ashley Krohn
Rebecca Lowen
Brittany Michael
Mary Newstrom
Bethany Olson
Peter Routhier
Michael Sorenson
Amy Webster**

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.G. [26-0013](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)

PROGRESS

The following individuals left pre-recorded comments:

**Cresston Gackle
Lindsay Pluger
Calandra Revering
Anita Urvina Davis**

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.H. [26-0014](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)

PROGRESS

No individuals left pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

3.I. [26-0015](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Birth Justice Community Advisory Board

PROGRESS

No individuals left pre-recorded comments.

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to progress the Resolution to the January 27 Board meeting.

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

4. New Business

Routine Items

4.A. [26-0016](#)

Neg various agmts for IGNITE contracts for periods between 01/01/26-12/31/26 and total NTE \$51,600

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

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

4.B. [26-0017](#)

Agmt PR00007919 with Three Rivers Park District to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 01/28/26-06/30/26, NTE \$9,990

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

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

Items for Discussion and Action

4.C. [26-0018](#)

Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

REVISE

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to revise the Resolution.

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

[26-0018 R1](#)

Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

CONSENT

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

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

Addendum

4.D. [26-0033](#)

Neg Agmt A2513315 with HUD to accept Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funding, 02/01/26-12/31/31, \$7,750,000 (recy)

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

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

4.E. [26-0034](#)

Denouncing the violent and unlawful actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hennepin County - Offered by Commissioners Conley, Fernando, and Edelson

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Resolution.

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

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, January 13 2026 was declared adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board