

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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 Thursday, October 23, 2025 to order at 12:00 noon.

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

Absent: Commissioner Jeff Lunde

1. Open Forum Playback - Resident Services and Operations

There were no individuals who provided pre-recorded comment.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. October 22 Budget Hearing Minutes - Resident Services and Operations

APPROVE

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Minutes.

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

Absent: Commissioner Lunde

3. Discussion

3.A. 2026 Proposed Budget Presentation - Human Services and Health

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:

Betsy David, Interim Assistant County Administrator for Human Services
Sara Hollie, Public Health Director
Joe Mathews, Chief Financial Officer
Regina Wagner, Economic Supports Director
Blaine Robertson, Business Officer for Health and Human Services

Commissioner Debbie Goettel briefly recessed the meeting at 1:40 p.m. before reconvening at 1:51 p.m. County Administrator Jodi Wentland introduced the 2026 proposed budget on behalf of Kareem Murphy, Deputy County Administrator of Disparity Elimination. The 2026 proposed budget was presented by the following individuals:

Joe Mathews, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Andrew Baker, Medical Examiner
Kimberly Spates, Chief Executive Officer of NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center
Sara Hollie, Public Health Director
Mike Herzing, Chief Executive Officer of Hennepin Health
Stephanie Abel, Public Health Deputy Director

4. Old Business

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

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

LAI D OVER

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to lay over until Thursday November 10, 2025.

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

Absent: Commissioner Lunde

5. 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 October 23, 2025 was declared recessed at 3:00 p.m. The 2026 proposed budget presentation will reconvene November 10, 2025 at 12:00 noon.

Sheri Selton
Deputy Clerk to the County Board