

# 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

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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:**

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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 (recv)

**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