

HENNEPIN COUNTY

MINNESOTA

BOARD MINUTES

BOARD OF HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026
1:30 PM

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

Commissioner Irene Fernando, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners for Tuesday, January 6, 2026 to order at 1:31 p.m.

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Irene Fernando led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Agenda

APPROVE

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Agenda.

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

3. 2026 Board Organization

3.A. [26-0028](#)

2026 Hennepin County Board of Commissioners Organizational Structure

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando opened up the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Commissioner Angela Conley nominated Commissioner Irene Fernando, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson. Being that there were no other nominations brought forward, Commissioner Irene Fernando was nominated as 2026 Hennepin County Board Chair - all approved.

Commissioner Irene Fernando opened up the floor for nominations for

Board Vice-Chair. Commissioner Kevin Anderson nominated Commissioner Debbie Goettel, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde. Being that there were no other nominations brought forward, Commissioner Debbie Goettel was nominated as 2026 Hennepin County Board Vice-Chair - all approved.

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to adopt the Resolution.

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

4. Hennepin Highlights

5. Minutes from Previous Meeting

5.A. December 2, 2025 Truth in Taxation Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

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

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

5.B. December 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

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

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

6. Referral of Correspondence and Department Communications

Correspondence

CORRESPONDENCE REFERRED AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer as recommended.

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

6.A. [26N-0001](#)

Claim/Summons - 1. Jonathan J. Fischer, Attorney - RE: Jovon Hopper Personal Injury Claim. - 2. Jason Herbert Small - RE: Jason Herbert Small Claim. - 3. Jeannie Fort, SubroIQ - RE: Sarah Becher Property Damage Claim. - 4. James A. Heuer Jr., Attorney - RE: Keenan Hopkins Personal Injury Claim. - 5. Oluwaseyi Craig - RE: Oluwaseyi Craig Vehicle Claim. - 6. Misty Giese, Desk Adjuster, American Family Insurance Company - RE: Mulki Kassim Vehicle Damage Claim. - 7. Rebeca Thomsen, Claim Associate, State Farm - RE: Dakota Akhaphong Vehicle Claim.

Department Communications

6.B. [26-0025](#)

Claims Register for the period ending January 9, 2026

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

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

6.C. [26-0026](#)

Claims Register for the period ending January 16, 2026

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

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

6.D. [26-0027](#)

Claims Register for the period ending January 23, 2026

REFER AS RECOMMENDED

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to refer as recommended the Resolution to the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners.

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

Referred to Administration, Operations and Budget Committee

6.E. [26-0007](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.F. [26-0008](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.G. [26-0009](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.H. [26-0010](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.I. [26-0011](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.J. [26-0012](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.K. [26-0013](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.L. [26-0014](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.M. [26-0015](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.N. [26-0016](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.O. [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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

6.P. [26-0018](#)

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

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee.

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

Referred to Law, Safety and Justice Committee

6.Q. [26-0019](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00005845 with Children's Law Center of Minnesota to provide legal representation to Hennepin County legacy youths - children whose parents' rights have been terminated due to abandonment, abuse or neglect, ages 10-21 - amending the term of the Agmt to 03/01/24-02/29/28, and the not to exceed amount to \$701,868

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Law, Safety and Justice Committee.

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

6.R. [26-0020](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00004614 with CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation Center to conduct interviews of children and vulnerable adults involved in or witnessed abuse or maltreatment, ext end date 12/31/26 and incr NTE by \$15,140 for new total NTE of \$40,647

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Law, Safety and Justice Committee.

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

Referred to Public Works Committee

6.S. [26-0021](#)

Agmt PW 52-49-25 with Eden Prairie and A2513039 with the Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority for Bridge No. 27542 replacement along Pioneer Trail in Eden Prairie, CP 2181200 (est recv \$85,000)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Public Works Committee.

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

6.T. [26-0022](#)

Neg Agmt PW 61-40-25 with MnDOT for signal and accessibility upgrades on CSAH 61, project 2201123, a subproject of 2201100 (est county cost \$260,000 county bonds)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Public Works

Committee.

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

6.U. [26-0023](#)

Neg Amd 1 to Agmt PW 19-40-25 with MnDOT for signal and accessibility upgrades on CSAH 73, CP 2201118, a subproject of 2201100, incr est county cost to \$320,296

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Public Works Committee.

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

6.V. [26-0024](#)

Hennepin County's 2025 Prioritized Bridge Replacement List (no county cost)

REFER TO COMMITTEE

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to refer to committee the Resolution to the Public Works Committee.

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

7. Commendations

8. Commissioner Communications/Updates

9. Claims Register

10. Consent

11. Non-Consent

12. Progressed

13. Old Business

14. Immediate Approvals

14.A. [26-0001](#)

Claims Register for the period ending December 12, 2025

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

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

14.B. [26-0002](#)

Claims Register for the period ending December 19, 2025

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

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

14.C. [26-0003](#)

Claims Register for the period ending December 26, 2025

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

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

14.D. [26-0004](#)

Claims Register for the period ending January 2, 2026

APPROVE/RATIFY

Commissioner Heather Edelson moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve/ratify the Resolution.

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

14.E. [26-0005](#)

Establish a public hearing for comment on the staffing requirement (Section VII, Subsection 1) of Ordinance 9 - Emergency Medical Services on February 5, 2026

ADOPT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to adopt the Resolution.

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

14.F. [26-0006](#)

Direct periodical updates related to 2026 budget during Hennepin County committee meetings - offered by Commissioner Fernando

ADOPT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to adopt the Resolution.

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

On a motion by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners meeting was declared adjourned at 1:53 p.m. until Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

**Contracting opportunities can be found on the Hennepin County website:
www.hennepin.us**