



Metropolitan Governance Task Force

October 11, 2023

10:00AM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Frank Hornstein, Chair

Sen. Eric Pratt, Vice-Chair

Kristin Beckmann

Commissioner Karla Bigham

Sen. Julia Coleman

Sen. Scott Dibble

Mary Pattock

Commissioner Marion Greene

Mayor James Hovland

Rep. Ginny Klevorn

Rep. Jon Koznick

Professor Myron Orfield

Renae Pereira-Webb

Senator Port

Sam Rockwell

Jeff Reed

Rep Mark Wiens

Call to Order:

Chair Hornstein called the Metropolitan Governance Task Force meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

A quorum was present.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

Representative Koznick moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2023. The motion prevailed.

MnDOT Presentation on Greater Minnesota MPOs:

Tim Sexton, Assistant Commissioner at the Minnesota Department of Transportation, gave a presentation on Greater Minnesota's MPOs.

Discussion on Public Engagement:

Senator Dibble advised that the task force was looking at the following dates and times for hosting public hearings:

November 6, 2023, in the evening

December 14, 2023, around noon

January 9, 2024, in the evening

Representative Wiens advised that he and Commissioner Bigham would be interested in hosting one of these public hearings in the East Metro/Lake Elmo area.

Further information will be brought forward at the next meeting.

UMN Presentation on Metropolitan Planning Organizations: History, Definitions & Other Context:

Dr. Kyle Shelton, Director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies, and Frank Douma, Director of State and Local Policy and Outreach for the Institute for Urban and Regional Infrastructure Finance at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, gave a joint presentation on MPOs.

Overview of the Metropolitan Council Budget:

Andrew Lee, a nonpartisan House Staff Researcher, gave a presentation overviewing the Metropolitan Council's Budget.

Public Testimony:

Richard Adair, Timothy Marino, and James Schoettler provided in-person public testimony.

Chair Hornstein advised the task force that written testimony was also submitted by the Lakes and Parks Alliance of Minneapolis and James Schoettler.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.