



Metropolitan Governance Task Force

October 25, 2023

10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Rep. Frank Hornstein, Chair

Sen. Eric Pratt, Vice-Chair

Kristin Beckmann

Commissioner Karla Bigham

Sen. Julia Coleman

Mary Pattock

Commissioner Marion Greene

Mayor James Hovland

Rep. Ginny Klevorn

Rep. Jon Koznick

Professor Myron Orfield

Renae Pereira-Webb

Sen. Port

Sam Rockwell

Jeff Reed

Rep. Mark Wiens

Members Excused:

Sen. Scott Dibble

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:

Commissioner Bigham moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2023. The motion prevailed.

Update on Public Engagement:

Chair Hornstein reaffirmed that there will be three offsite public engagement meetings. The dates for those meetings are November 6, 2023, December 14, 2023, and January 9, 2024. As soon as the locations for those dates are confirmed, that information will be emailed out to task force members.

Metropolitan Council Presentation on Transit, Transportation, and MPO Roles:

Lesley Kandaras, the Metro Transit General Manager, gave an overview of Metro Transit's work. Nick Thompson, the Interim Executive Director of METRO Projects for Metro Transit, provided an overview of current METRO projects and the role of public engagement in these projects. Charles Carlson, the Executive Director of Metropolitan Transportation Services, presented on the Metropolitan Transportation Services Department, the Metropolitan Council's designation as the region's MPO, and the role of the Transportation Advisory Board.

Ann Bloodhart, Metropolitan Council's General Counsel, and Dave Theisen, Assistant General Counsel, answered task force member questions relating to the governmental status of the Metropolitan Council.

Task Force Discussion & Vision/Goal Setting:

The task force began discussing the values that should guide the task force as it evaluates different governance models and ultimately presents its conclusions both to the legislature and the public.

Public Testimony:

Mathews Hollinshead provided virtual public testimony over Zoom. James Schoettler provided in -person public testimony.

Chair Hornstein directed members to the written testimony of Mathews Hollinshead and James Schoettler, which was included in members' folders.

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