



Metropolitan Governance Task Force

November 8, 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
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 10:03 AM.
A quorum was present.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

Representative Klevorn moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2023. The motion prevailed.

Update on Public Engagement:

Chair Hornstein advised that the public engagement meetings are all set, although the one on December 7, 2023, at the Wilder Foundation may potentially be moved. The confirmed public engagement meetings are as follows:

- Thursday, December 14th at 12pm at the Lake Elmo City Center
- Friday, January 5th at 12pm at the University of Minnesota's Robert J. Jones Urban Research/Outreach Center (UROC)
- Tuesday, January 9th at 6pm at the Scott County Government Center

Chair Hornstein advised that more information will be forthcoming.

Task Force Discussion & Vision/Goal Setting:

The task force continued 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.

Metro Cities Presentation on Staggered Terms:

Patricia Nauman, the Executive Director of Metro Cities, provided a brief presentation outlining Metro Cities' support for a governance option of staggered terms for a governor-appointed council.

Task Force Discussion on Staggered Terms:

The task force engaged in a discussion around staggered terms.

Public Testimony:

MN State Representative Steve Elkins provided in-person public testimony.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.