



## **Metropolitan Governance Task Force**

December 13, 2023

10:00 AM

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Frank Hornstein, Chair

Sen. Eric Pratt, Vice-Chair

Commissioner Karla Bigham

Sen. Julia Coleman

Mary Pattock

Commissioner Marion Greene

Mayor James Hovland

Rep. Ginny Klevorn

Kristin Beckmann

Rep. Jon Koznick

Renae Pereira-Webb

Sen. Port

Jeff Reed

Rep. Mark Wiens

Sen. Dibble

#### **Excused:**

Professor Myron Orfield

#### **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:**

Senator Dibble moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2023. The motion prevailed.

### **Update on Public Engagement:**

The following dates, times, and locations are all confirmed for upcoming public engagement meetings for the task force:

- Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 12pm at the Lake Elmo City Center in Lake Elmo;
- Friday, January 5, 2024, at 12pm at the University of Minnesota's Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center in Minneapolis; and
- Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 6pm at the Scott County Government Center in Shakopee

### **Presentations & Discussion on Home Rule Charters**

Professor Nestor Davidson, of Fordham School of Law, testified on the home rule charter process and what that entails. Mike McKeever, former SACOG Executive Director, testified as to how the charter process engaged local governments in Portland. Robert Liberty testified as to how the home rule charter process functions with an elected council.

### **Task Force Discussion on Problem Identification & Analysis:**

The task force members discussed the following question:

- 1) What do you believe the problems, if any, are with the Metropolitan Council?

### **Public Testimony:**

Chair Hornstein asked if anybody in the public wished to provide testimony, but nobody wished to do so.

Chair Hornstein directed members to the written testimony of Les Everett and Matthew Bruns which was included in members' folders.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13pm.