



Metropolitan Governance Task Force

December 6, 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

Rep. Jon Koznick

Professor Myron Orfield

Renae Pereira-Webb

Sen. Port

Jeff Reed

Rep. Mark Wiens

Sen. Dibble

Excused:

Kristin Beckmann

Call to Order:

Chair Hornstein called the Metropolitan Governance Task Force meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

A quorum was present.

Adoption of Meeting Minutes:

Mary Pattock moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes from November 29, 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:

- Friday, December 8, 2023, at 2pm at the Wilder Foundation in St. Paul;
- 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

Discussion with Former Portland Mayor Charlie Hales:

Former Portland Mayor Charlie Hales discussed his view of metropolitan governance and what makes it successful.

Discussion with Former Denver Mayor Michael Hancock:

Former Denver Mayor Michael Hancock discussed his view of metropolitan governance and what makes it successful.

Task Force Discussion on Vision & Goals:

The task force members continued their discussion around identifying 1) the problems with the current Metropolitan Council structure, 2) who the "constituents" of the Metropolitan Council are, and 3) to whom the Metropolitan Council should be accountable to.

Public Testimony:

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07pm.