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MINUTES

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Time: 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: In Person: Room G-23, Minnesota State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,
St. Paul, MN 55155 and through electronic means [\(YouTube\)](#)

Members Present: Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green, Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Fong Hawj, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Sen. Jennifer McEwen, Seth Moore, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

Staff Present: B. Nash, M. Varien, M. Campana, D. Griffith

Members Excused: Rep. Jeff Backer and Jeremy Peichel

Members Absent: Rep. Josh Heintzeman

Co-Chair: Nancy Gibson

Chair Gibson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1. Roll call attendance

Chair Gibson asked for a roll call. Diana Griffith took roll call for attendance. There were 12 members present at the time of roll call, and nine were needed for a quorum.

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Hollins – Rep	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Albrecht	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Langseth	Yes
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused	Commissioner McEwen	Absent
Commissioner Faber	Yes (remote)	Commissioner Moore	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Gibson	Yes	Commissioner Peichel	Excused
Commissioner Green – Sen	Yes	Commissioner Putnam - Sen	Yes (remote)
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	Yes	Commissioner Reese	Yes
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	Yes	Commissioner Westrom – Sen	Absent
Commissioner Heintzeman - Rep	Absent		

2. Approve minutes for November 13, 2024

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the minutes for November 13, 2024 – motion prevailed.

Chair Gibson stated Agenda Item 5 will be moved to after Agenda Item 11.

Commissioner Hansen suggested moving Agenda Item 9 before Agenda Item 7.

Rep. Patty Acomb, Rita Albrecht, Rep. Jeff Backer, William Faber, Nancy Gibson, Sen. Steve Green,
Rep. Rick Hansen, Sen. Fong Hawj, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Athena Hollins, Shona Langseth, Sen. Jennifer A. McEwen,
Seth Moore, Jeremy Peichel, Sen. Aric Putnam, Michael Reese, Sen. Torrey Westrom

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3. Members report potential conflicts of interest regarding today's business

Members reported the following conflicts of interest.

Proposal ID	First Name	Last Name	Project Title	Organization	Members With Conflict of Interest	Direct Personal Financial Interest in the Organization
2025-078	Bradley	Heins	Agrivoltaics 2.0 Building a Resilient E-Farm	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-122	Jenni	Bubke	Local Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Grant Programs	MN DNR, State Parks and Trails Division	Jeremy Peichel	No
2025-182	Karlin	Ziegler	Lake Zumbro Park Water Access and Site Improvements	Olmsted County	Shona Langseth	No
2025-241	Joel	Tallaksen	Foundational Precision Agriculture Data to Reduce Environmental Impacts	U of MN, WCROC	Michael Reese	Yes
2025-309	Michelle	Carstensen	Recruitment and Fecundity of Minnesota Moose	MN DNR, Fish and Wildlife Division	Seth Moore	Yes

Commissioner McEwen joined the meeting remotely.

4. Director's report

Director Nash provided an update on the 2023 and 2024 final report spreadsheets. The capitol and senate office buildings have completed their technical upgrades to the meeting rooms and will be doing some testing during today's meeting. Public testimony will be given at agenda item 6 as requested. LCCMR has three citizen member vacancies posted.

5. Agenda Item 6 - Action: LCCMR and ENRTF Strategic Plan 2025-2031

Mike Campana provided an overview of the LCCMR and ENRTF Strategic Plan 2025-2031. Mayor Pete Hyduke, City of Hibbing, provided in person testimony. Members discussed.

Commissioner Westrom joined the meeting remotely.

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve the LCCMR and ENRTF Strategic Plan 2025-2031 – motion prevailed (12 Yes / 2 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	

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Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				

6. Agenda Item 9 - Action: Draft LCCMR Recommendations Bill for M.L. 2025 (FY26)

- 2025 ENRTF appropriations (Summary and Spreadsheet)**
- Specific project contingencies/ issues**
- Extensions and technical corrections**
- Peer review**

Director Nash provided an overview of the draft LCCMR Recommendations Bill for M.L. 2025 (FY26) and reviewed materials in the meeting packets and posted online. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the draft LCCMR Recommendations Bill for M.L. 2025 (FY26) to be jacketed for bill introduction with the caveat to allow staff to make technical corrections – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 1 No / 2 Abstained).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	Abstained	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	Abstained	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				

7. Agenda Item 7 - Action: Request for Proposal (RFP) for M.L. 2026 (FY27)

Mike Campana provided an overview of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for M.L. 2026 (FY27). Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht moved to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for M.L. 2026 (FY27) with the caveat to allow staff to make technical corrections.

AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom moved to amend Commissioner Albrecht's motion to edit the 2026 Request for Proposal on page 4 under Category C. Education and Outdoor Recreation as follows: "Baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure ~~that do not~~ must improve or enhance natural resources or users' experience with natural resources ~~are generally not eligible~~ in order to be eligible."

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Members discussed. Ben Stanley, Senate nonpartisan staff, and Janelle Taylor, House nonpartisan staff, answered questions regarding proposed changes to the following statement: “Baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure that do not improve or enhance natural resources or users’ experience with natural resources are generally not eligible.”

RENEWED AMENDMENT: Commissioner Westrom renewed his motion to amend Commissioner Albrecht’s motion to edit the 2026 Request for Proposal on page 4 under Category C. Education and Outdoor Recreation as follows: “Generally, only elements of baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure that ~~do not~~ improve or enhance natural resources or users’ experience with natural resources are generally not eligible.” – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Gibson		X	Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen	X		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				

RENEWED MOTION: Commissioner Albrecht renewed her motion as amended to approve the Request for Proposal (RFP) for M.L. 2026 (FY27) with the caveat to allow staff to make technical corrections and the following change on page 4 under Category C. Education and Outdoor Recreation: “Generally, only elements of baseball fields, basketball courts, splash pads, playground equipment, and other recreational facilities and infrastructure that ~~do not~~ improve or enhance natural resources or users’ experience with natural resources are generally not eligible.” – motion prevailed (13 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen		X	Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	

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Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				
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MOTION: Commissioner Reese moved to reconsider the LCCMR and ENRTF Strategic Plan 2025-2031.

Members discussed.

Commissioner Reese withdrew his motion.

8. Agenda Item 8 - Action: Biennial Report Outline

MOTION: Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the Biennial Report outline – motion prevailed (14 Yes / 0 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	X	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen	X		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	X	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen	X	
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				

9. Agenda Item 10 - Action: 2025 LCCMR Meeting Calendar

Michael Varien provided an overview of the 2025 LCCMR Meeting Calendar Options. Members discussed.

MOTION: Commissioner Green moved to approve the 2025 LCCMR Meeting Calendar early (June) option with the caveat to allow staff to make technical corrections – motion prevailed (11 Yes / 1 No).

Member	Y	N	Member	Y	N
Commissioner Acomb - Rep	X		Commissioner Hollins - Rep	X	
Commissioner Albrecht	X		Commissioner Langseth	X	
Commissioner Backer – Rep	Excused		Commissioner McEwen	Excused	
Commissioner Faber	X		Commissioner Moore	X	
Commissioner Gibson	X		Commissioner Peichel	Excused	
Commissioner Green – Sen	X		Commissioner Putnam – Sen	Excused	
Commissioner Hansen – Rep	X		Commissioner Reese	X	
Commissioner Hawj – Sen	X		Commissioner Westrom – Sen		X
Commissioner Heintzeman – Rep	Absent				

10. Agenda Item 5 - Thank you to retiring members

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Chair Gibson thanked retiring members, Sen. Kari Dziedzic and Sen. Kelly Morrison, for their years of service.

Director Nash thanked retiring members: Nancy Gibson, Sen. Kari Dziedzic, and Sen. Kelly Morrison.

Members discussed.

11. Agenda Item 11 - LCCMR other business

There was no other business.

12. Agenda Item 12 - Public testimony

Mayor Pete Hyduke, City of Hibbing, provided in person testimony under Agenda Item 6. There was no further public testimony.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Signed by Michael Reese

Minutes approved at LCCMR meeting on April 28, 2025