



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD BOARD MEETING AGENDA

January 14, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting Option:

[Webex Meeting](#)

Phone Number: (408) 418-9388

Meeting Number: 2554 343 9401

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1. **Call to Order** – Commissioner John P. Fahey, 2025 Chair
2. **Oath of Office** – Commissioner Fahey
3. **Approval of Agenda** – Commissioner Fahey
4. **Election of 2026 Officers and Executive Committee Designation** – Rohret (**page 5**)
5. **Thank You to 2025 Chair** – Council Member Elliott Payne, 2026 Board Chair
6. **MESB Policy 17 – Conflict of Interest** – Rohret (**page 8**)
7. **Consent Agenda** – Rohret (**page 9**)
 - A. Approval: November 12, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval: October 2025 Treasurer’s Report
 - C. Approval: November 2025 Treasurer’s Report
 - D. Approval: 2026 MESB Meeting Schedule
 - E. Approval: 2026 Radio TOC Chair/Vice Chair
 - F. Approval: 2026 9-1-1 TOC Chair/Vice Chair
 - G. Approval: 2026-2027 EMS TOC Chair/Vice Chair
 - H. Correspondence
8. **Radio Items** – Tracey Fredrick, Radio Services Coordinator – None
9. **9-1-1 Items** – Frank Jarman, 9-1-1 Services Manager – None
10. **EMS Items** – Greg Hayes, EMS Coordinator – None
11. **Administrative Items** – Jill Rohret, Executive Director
 - A. Approval of 2026 Appointments to SECB/SECB Committees (**page 41**)
 - B. Approval of Executive Director Travel Requests (**page 43**)
 - C. Approval: Amendments to MESB Policies (**page 47**)
 - i. Policy 014 – Flex Time Off
 - ii. Policy 025 – Data Access – Public
 - D. Approval of 2026 Legislative Platform (**page 57**)
 - E. Discussion: Feedback on 2026 Legislative Materials (**page 61**)



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12. **Reports**

A. Legislative Report – Nancy Haas/Courtney Jasper/Callie Lehman

B. Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) Reports:

- 1) Finance – Rohret/Fredrick
- 2) Legislative – Rohret/Anderson
- 3) Steering – Fredrick/Rohret
- 4) Other SECB Committees – Fredrick
- 5) Board – Rohret

13. **Old Business**

A. MESB Joint Powers Agreement Amendment Process – Rohret

14. **New Business**

15. **Adjourn**



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Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Members

Anoka County

Commissioner Mike Gamache* (2026 Treasurer)

Commissioner Mandy Meisner

Carver County

Commissioner John Fahey*

Chisago County

Commissioner Rick Greene*

City of Minneapolis

Council Member Elliott Payne* (2026 Chair)

Dakota County

Commissioner Joe Atkins*

Commissioner Bill Droste

Hennepin County

Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Commissioner Irene Fernando*

Isanti County

Commissioner Todd Christensen*

Ramsey County

Commissioner Kelly Miller* (2026 Secretary)

Scott County

Commissioner Dave Beer

Commissioner Tom Wolf* (2026 Vice Chair)

Sherburne County

Commissioner Gregg Felber*

Washington County

Commissioner Michelle Clasen

Commissioner Fran Miron*

*Denotes Executive Committee member



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 4. Election of 2026 MESB Officers & Executive Committee Designation
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the following officers be elected in accordance with the Joint Powers Agreement, the Bylaws of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, and the Board's governance policies:

Chair: City of Minneapolis (Elliott Payne)
Vice-Chair: Scott County (Tom Wolf)
Secretary: Ramsey County (Kelly Miller)
Treasurer: Anoka County (Mike Gamache)

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board governance policies regarding election of officers is as follows: *"All officers are elected for one year and each member can service only one term in office to which elected with the understanding that each member elected as an officer will move to the next elected position at the end of the term. Normal succession will be Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chair, Chair."*

Officers at the end of 2025 were:

Chair: Carver County (John Fahey)
Vice-Chair: City of Minneapolis (Elliott Payne)
Secretary: Scott County (Tom Wolf)
Treasurer: Ramsey County (Kelly Miller)

Article II, Section 5 of the Joint Powers Agreement prescribes the following representation by Board officers: *"Section 5: Membership in Executive Officers. Ramsey County shall have one representative in any of the four executive offices provided for in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article. Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis shall alternate every four years having a representative in any of the four executive offices provided in Sections 3 and 4 of this Article. Officers will serve successively in the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, Vice-Chair and Chair. Representatives from all other members will serve as officers on a rotating basis."*

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 4. Election of 2026 MESB Officers & Executive Committee Designation
Presenter: Rohret

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The following members of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board were (or are expected to be) appointed to the Executive Committee of the Board by their respective County Boards or City Council for 2026:

Anoka:	Mike Gamache
Carver:	John Fahey
Chisago:	Rick Greene
Dakota:	Joe Atkins
Hennepin:	Irene Fernando
Isanti:	Todd Christensen
Ramsey:	Kelly Miller
Scott:	Tom Wolf
Sherburne:	Gregg Felber
Washington:	Fran Miron
City of Minneapolis:	Elliott Payne

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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MESB Officer Rotation Schedule

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Chair	Minneapolis	Washington	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin
Vice-Chair	Washington	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin	Isanti
Secretary	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin	Isanti	Ramsey
Treasurer	Dakota	Hennepin	Isanti	Ramsey	Carver
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Chair	Isanti	Ramsey	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott
Vice-Chair	Ramsey	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott	Ramsey
Secretary	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott	Ramsey	Anoka
Treasurer	Minneapolis	Scott	Ramsey	Anoka	Hennepin
	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Chair	Ramsey	Anoka	Hennepin	Chisago	Ramsey
Vice-Chair	Anoka	Hennepin	Chisago	Ramsey	Sherburne
Secretary	Hennepin	Chisago	Ramsey	Sherburne	Minneapolis
Treasurer	Chisago	Ramsey	Sherburne	Minneapolis	Washington
	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037
Chair	Sherburne	Minneapolis	Washington	Ramsey	Dakota
Vice-Chair	Minneapolis	Washington	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin
Secretary	Washington	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin	Isanti
Treasurer	Ramsey	Dakota	Hennepin	Isanti	Ramsey
	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042
Chair	Hennepin	Isanti	Ramsey	Carver	Minneapolis
Vice-Chair	Isanti	Ramsey	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott
Secretary	Ramsey	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott	Ramsey
Treasurer	Carver	Minneapolis	Scott	Ramsey	Anoka

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

Subject: Conflict of Interest
Number: 017

Effective Date: 09-08-2004
Revision Date: 09-09-2015

PURPOSE: To establish procedures and guidelines for documenting conflict of interest of Metropolitan Emergency Services Board members.

A. Conflict of Interest

In accordance with Minnesota Statutes, §§10A.07 and 471.87 each member of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board shall provide to the Board a copy of the statement of economic interest and any supplementary statement filed by the Board member pursuant to §10A.09, and shall disclose any personal financial interest in a contract which the Board is asked to approve, or any other conflict of interest at the time the Board is asked to take an action. Except as otherwise provided in §10A.07, subd. 2, any Board member with a conflict of interest shall abstain from any action on the contract or matter in question and such abstention shall be appropriately recorded into the minutes of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. This policy is not intended to increase or modify any obligations Board members may have pursuant to any state statute.



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Meeting Date:
Agenda Item:
Presenter:

January 14, 2026
7. Consent Agenda
Rohret

- A. **Minutes** – The minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting of the Board are attached for review and approval.
- B. **October 2025 Treasurer’s Report** – The Treasurer has reviewed the October 2025 financial statements and has given his approval of the report.
- C. **November 2025 Treasurer’s Report** – The Treasurer has reviewed the November 2025 financial statements and has given his approval of the report.
- D. **2026 MESB Meeting Schedule** – Staff recommend the Board approve the 2026 MESB meeting schedule.
- E. **Approval of 2026 Radio TOC Chair/Vice Chair** – The Radio TOC recommends the Board approve the 2025 Radio TOC Chair and Vice Chair.
- F. **Approval of 2026 9-1-1 TOC Chair/Vice Chair** – The 9-1-1 TOC recommends the Board approve the 2025 Radio TOC Chair and Vice Chair.
- G. **Approval of 2026-2027 EMS TOC Chair/Vice Chair** – The EMS TOC recommends the Board approve the 2026-2027 EMS TOC Chair and Vice Chair.
- H. **Correspondence** – Notices for 2026 MESB member assessments were sent in December; the fiscal year 2025 audit engagement letter; additional information for two data practices requests.

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2025

Board Members Present:

Kevin Anderson, Hennepin County
 Joe Atkins, Dakota County - **absent**
 Dave Beer, Scott County
 Todd Christensen, Isanti County
 Michelle Clasen, Washington County
 Bill Droste, Dakota County
 John P. Fahey, Carver County
 Gregg Felber, Sherburne County
 Irene Fernando, Hennepin County

Mike Gamache, Anoka County - **absent**
 Richard Greene, Chisago County
 Garrison McMurtrey, Ramsey County - **absent**
 Mandy Meisner, Anoka County - **absent**
 Kelly Miller, Ramsey County - **absent**
 Fran Miron, Washington County
 Elliott Payne, City of Minneapolis
 Tom Wolf, Scott County - **absent**

Staff Present: Tracey Fredrick; Frank Jarman; Jacob Kallenbach; and Jill Rohret.

Others Present: Alex Carney, *Critical Response Group (CRG)*; Vic Barnett, *Ramsey County*; Bethany Cox, *Washington County*; Nancy Haas, *Poul Haas*; Ben Holnik, *CRG*; Courtney Jasper, *Poul Haas*; Callie Lehman, *Poul Haas*; John Linder, *Itasca County*; Earl Merchewitz, *Goodhue County*; Kent Wilkening, *ECN*; and Doua Yang-Hernandez, *Ramsey County*.

1. Call to Order

Commissioner John P. Fahey, 2025 MESB Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Richard Greene, seconded by Commissioner Bill Droste to approve the November 2025 meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Agenda

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County		
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 10 No: 0 Motion passed.

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3. Consent Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Fran Miron, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando to approve the November 2025 MESB Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Consent Agenda

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County		
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 10 No: 0 Motion passed.

4. Radio Items

A. Approval of Amendments to Radio TOC Bylaws

Tracey Fredrick said the Radio Technical Operations Committee (TOC) recommends the Board approve amendments to the Radio TOC's bylaws. The amendments update the bylaws to allow for attendance via interactive technology due to the recent changes in Minnesota's Open Meeting Law. MESB Counsel reviewed the amendments.

Motion made by Commissioner Fernando, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson to approve the amendments to the Radio TOC bylaws. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Radio TOC Bylaw Amendments

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		

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Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

B. Approval of 2026 Regional Funding Priorities

Fredrick said the Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS) Emergency Communication Networks (ECN) Division and the Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) require regions to annually approve regional funding priorities. These priorities give regions direction for grant fund application through the SECB grant process. The 9-1-1 and Radio TOC priorities can be found in the November 2025 MESB meeting materials.

Motion made by Commissioner Miron, seconded by Commissioner Todd Christensen to approve the 2026 regional funding priorities. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of 2026 Regional Funding Priorities

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

5. 9-1-1 Items

A. Approval of Resolution 2025-1 Allowing the Cities of Bloomington and Eden Prairie to Join Call Handling System 1

Jill Rohret said MESB staff recommend the Board approve MESB Resolution 2025-1 allowing the Cities of Bloomington and Eden Prairie to join Call Handling System 1 (CHS-1). In early 2022, CHS-1 executed Amendment 1 to its Ancillary Agreement which defined a process to allow additional entities to join CHS-1. The Cities of Bloomington and Eden Prairie are the first agencies to join CHS-1 under the process. Both cities need to replace their current call handling

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equipment (CHE), which is at end of life. Passing the resolution, which approves Amendment 1 to the Master Cooperative Agreement and Amendment 2 to the Ancillary Agreement is the final step; all current CHS-1 members, plus the two cities, and the MESB must pass the resolution.

Motion made by Commissioner Christensen, seconded by Commissioner Droste to approve Resolution 2025-1. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Resolution 2025-1

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

6. EMS Items – None

7. Administrative Items

A. Approval of Contract for Lobbying Services

Rohret said MESB staff recommend the Board approve the contract with Poul Haas for lobbying services in the amount of \$36,000.00. The MESB issued a request for proposals (RFP) for lobbying services on June 30, 2025, with responses due July 25, 2025. MESB received three responses from: Larkin Hoffman Public Affairs; McAlpin Capitol Results; and Poul Haas. At its October 8, 2025, meeting, the MESB awarded the RFP to Poul Haas. Rohret worked with Poul Haas since the October 8, 2025, Board meeting on an agreement for services, which was reviewed by Board Counsel.

Motion made by Commissioner Michelle Clasen, seconded by Commissioner Elliott Payne to approve the Poul Haas lobbying contract. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Contract for Lobbying Services

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	

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Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

B. Approval of Contract for Indoor School Mapping

Rohret said MESB staff recommend the Board approve the contract with Critical Response Group, Inc. (CRG) in the amount of \$5,559,500.00. At the September 19, 2025, meeting, the MESB voted to award the RFP for Digital GIS Mapping of School Facilities to CRG. The contract includes all the terms stated in the RFP, as well as the proposal made by CRG.

Motion made by Commissioner Fernando, seconded by Commissioner Droste to approve the CRG contract for indoor school mapping. Motion carried.

Roll Call for Approval of Contract for Indoor School Mapping

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

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C. Discussion – 2026 Meeting Dates – November Meeting Date

Rohret said the board must discuss options for the November 2026 meeting date as it falls on Veteran’s Day (November 11).

Commissioner Fernando suggested polling for dates that would occur after the November 2026 elections and offered November 18, 2026 as an option. She also suggested avoiding the AMC Conference dates as many members of the Board attend.

8. Reports

A. Legislative Report

There is no new update.

B. Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) Reports:

1. Finance

Rohret said the committee met and discussed budgetary process standards, and SCIP planning.

2. Legislative

Rohret said the committee met and discussed SCIP goals, and 9-1-1 statutes.

3. Steering

Fredrick said the committee met and discussed workgroups formations, SCIP plans, and bylaws. The November 2025 meeting is cancelled.

4. Other SECB Committees

There are no new updates.

5. Board

Rohret said the committee met and discussed SCIP planning, the legislative session, and budgets. The November 2025 meeting is cancelled.

C. DPS-ECN Update

There is no new update.

9. Old Business – None

10. New Business – Closed Meeting for Performance Evaluation

A. 2025 Executive Director Performance Review

Motion made by Commissioner Miron, seconded by Commissioner Droste to close the meeting for the purpose of the 2025 Executive Director Performance Review. Motion carried.

Roll Call to Close the Meeting for the 2025 Executive Director Performance Review

Name	County/City	Yes	No
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	

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Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

The Board discussed the Executive Director's performance review.

Motion made by Commissioner Fernando, seconded by Commissioner Greene to reopen the meeting. Motion carried.

Roll Call to Reopen the Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>County/City</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		
Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Clausen, seconded by Commissioner Fahey to recommend a Exceeds Standards rating. Motion carried.

Roll Call to Recommend an Exceeds Standards Rating

<u>Name</u>	<u>County/City</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Kevin Anderson	Hennepin County	X	
Joe Atkins	Dakota County		

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Dave Beer	Scott County	X	
Todd Christensen	Isanti County	X	
Michelle Clasen	Washington County	X	
Bill Droste	Dakota County	X	
John P. Fahey	Carver County	X	
Gregg Felber	Sherburne County	X	
Irene Fernando	Hennepin County	X	
Mike Gamache	Anoka County		
Richard Greene	Chisago County	X	
Garrison McMurtrey	Ramsey County		
Mandy Meisner	Anoka County		
Kelly Miller	Ramsey County		
Fran Miron	Washington County	X	
Elliott Payne	City of Minneapolis	X	
Tom Wolf	Scott County		

Yes: 11 No: 0 Motion passed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.



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2099 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
55104-3431

PHONE 651-643-8395
WWW.MN-MESB.ORG

TO: Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
FROM: Ramsey County Commissioner Kelly Miller, MESB Treasurer
RE: Treasurer's Report – October 2025
DATE: December 1, 2025

As Treasurer for the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, it is necessary to review the following documents:

- Monthly summary financial reports for Administration, 9-1-1, Radio and EMS
- Explanation for significant variance from budget report for Administration, 9-1-1, Radio and EMS.

The review was conducted on December 1, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Miller
Commissioner, Ramsey County
Treasurer, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board



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TO: Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
FROM: Ramsey County Commissioner Kelly Miller, MESB Treasurer
RE: Treasurer's Report – November 2025
DATE: December 30, 2025

As Treasurer for the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, it is necessary to review the following documents:

- Monthly summary financial reports for Administration, 9-1-1, Radio and EMS
- Explanation for significant variance from budget report for Administration, 9-1-1, Radio and EMS.

The review was conducted on December 30, 2025.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kelly Miller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kelly Miller
Commissioner, Ramsey County
Treasurer, Metropolitan Emergency Services Board



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 7D. Approval of 2026 Board and Executive Committee Meeting Dates
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director recommends the Board approve the 2026 Board and Executive Committee meeting dates.

BACKGROUND

Annually, at its first meeting of the year, the Board approves its meeting dates for each year.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The proposed 2026 meeting dates follow the cadence from the last ten years, with the Board meeting on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months and the Executive Committee meeting on the second Wednesday of even numbered months, all at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. The one exception to this rule is in November 2026 Board meeting, where that meeting falls on a federal holiday. After discussion at the November 2025 MESB meeting, that is proposed to be moved to the third Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at the regular meeting time of 10:00 a.m.

Per the changes to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law made in 2025, the meetings will be hybrid meetings and will be conducted per the Minnesota Open Meeting Law and MESB Policy 037 – Hybrid Meetings.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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2026 MESB MEETING SCHEDULE

Full Board

January 14

March 11

May 13

July 8

September 9

November 18*

Executive Committee

February 11

April 8

June 10

August 12

October 14

December 9

All meetings are held 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at the Metro Counties Government Center, 2099 University Ave. W., St. Paul unless otherwise noted.

Full Board meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

Executive Committee meets the second Wednesday of even-numbered months.

*Rescheduled date due to regular meeting date falling on a federal holiday.

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

Subject: Hybrid Meetings

Number: 037

Effective Date: 08-01-2025

Purpose: To establish a framework for hybrid meetings which meet the requirements of the Minnesota Open Meeting Law, Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 13D.02, subdivision 1.

Legal Compliance

In order to comply with Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 13D.02, subdivision 1, meetings conducted by interactive technology must comply with the following:

1. All members of the body participating in the meeting, regardless of physical location, can hear and see one another, and can hear and see all discussion and testimony presented at any location at which at least one member is present;
2. Members of the public present at the regular meeting location can hear and see all discussion and testimony and votes of members of the body;
3. At least one member of the body is physically present at the regular meeting location; and
4. All votes are conducted by roll call so each member's vote on each issue can be identified and recorded.

Staff must alter meeting notices placed on the MESB website and in Finance & Commerce to include language stating that members may participate in the meeting via interactive technology and must include the virtual meeting link on the meeting agendas.

Board & Committee Member Rules

Board and committee or subcommittee members must attend 75% of meetings in a calendar year in-person.

All communication must run through the Board, Committee, or Subcommittee Chair. The Chair must recognize each speaker by name before anyone may speak, to meet Condition 1 in the Legal Compliance section. MESB Bylaws, Article VIII, Procedure, require that the Chair ensure discussion and debate is orderly and relevant in a manner consistent with Robert's Rules of Order.

When participating via interactive technology, when speaking, including when voting via roll call votes, members must turn on cameras, to meet Condition 2 in the Legal Compliance section.

The Board, Committee, or Subcommittee Chair must always attend the meeting in-person. If they cannot attend in-person, the Vice Chair must attend the meeting in-person and chair the meeting. This accomplishes Condition 3 in the Legal Compliance section.

All votes will be made via a voice roll call vote, which will be called by MESB staff. Votes cannot be made in the meeting chat. Individual votes will be recorded in meeting minutes. This satisfies Condition 4 in the Legal Compliance section.



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 7E. Approval of 2026 Radio TOC
Chair and Vice Chair
Presenter: Fredrick

RECOMMENDATION

The Radio Technical Operations Committee (TOC) recommends the Board approve Jake Thompson as Radio TOC Chair and Ron Jansen as Radio TOC Vice-Chair for 2026.

BACKGROUND

According to MESB bylaws, the Radio TOC must make a recommendation to the Board on the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The Radio TOC voted to appoint Jake Thompson as the Chair and Ron Jansen as the Vice-Chair for 2026. Mr. Thompson is the Radio System Manager at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office and Mr. Jansen is the Radio Systems Coordinator for Dakota County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 7F. Approval of 2026 9-1-1 TOC
Chair and Vice Chair
Presenter: Jarman

RECOMMENDATION

The 9-1-1 Technical Operations Committee (TOC) recommends the Board approve Kari Morrissey as 9-1-1 TOC Chair and Darlene Pankonie as 9-1-1 TOC Vice Chair for 2026.

BACKGROUND

According to MESB bylaws, the 9-1-1 TOC must make a recommendation to the Board on the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The 9-1-1 TOC voted to appoint Kari Morrissey as the Chair and Darlene Pankonie as the Vice-Chair for 2026. Ms. Morrissey is the Director of Anoka County Emergency Communications Center and Ms. Pankonie is the Manager for Washington County Emergency Communications Response Center.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 7G. Approval of 2026-27 EMS
TOC Chair and Vice Chair
Presenter: Hayes

RECOMMENDATION

The EMS Technical Operations Committee (TOC) recommends the Board approve Brian Fisher as EMS TOC Chair and Nick Lesch as EMS TOC Vice-Chair for 2026-2027.

BACKGROUND

According to the Bylaws of the MESB EMS TOC, the EMS TOC must make a recommendation to the Board regarding the Chair and Vice-Chair of the committee. For the EMS TOC, these positions last for two years, beginning in even-numbered years.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The EMS TOC met on December 16, 2025, and made the following recommendation for Chair and Vice Chair:

Chair – Brian Fisher, HealthPartners Medical Transportation
Vice Chair – Nick Lesch, M Health Fairview EMS

Mr. Fisher serves as the Operations Manager for HealthPartners Medical Transportation. Mr. Lesch serves as the Operations Manager for M Health Fairview EMS. Both were the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for 2022-2025.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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Agenda Item 7H.



METROPOLITAN
EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

2099 UNIVERSITY AVENUE WEST
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA
55104-3431

PHONE 651-643-8395
WWW.MN-MESB.ORG

December 12, 2025

Mr. David Hemze
County Administrator
Carver County
600 Fourth Street East
Chaska, MN 55318

Dear Mr. Hemze:

Enclosed is the Assessment Invoice for 2026 from the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board is a joint powers board comprised of the ten metro counties and the City of Minneapolis with the responsibility to oversee and manage the 9-1-1 network and database, the metro region EMS program and the ARMER system in the metro area. Carver County is a member of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board.

Member counties were notified of their year 2026 assessments in July 2025, as prescribed by the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Joint Powers Agreement.

The enclosed invoice is payable in January 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (651) 643-8394 or jrohret@mn-mesb.org.

Sincerely,

Jill Rohret
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Commissioner John Fahey



WASHINGTON COUNTY ACCOUNTING &
 FINANCE
 C/O METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERV BRD
 2099 UNIVERSITY AVE W STE 201
 ST PAUL MN 55104-3431

Invoice	
Invoice Number:	233553
Account Number:	31066
Due Date:	1/25/26
Amount Enclosed:	\$ _____
Federal Tax Id:41-6005919	

To: CARVER CTY COURT ADMINISTRATOR
 600 E 4TH ST ATTN DAVID HEMZE
 CHASKA MN 55318-2183

Please return top portion with payment. Thank You.

Invoice						
Date	Number	Type	Due Date	Remark	Amount	
1/1/26	233553	Invoice	1/25/26	2026 MESB JPA Assessment	\$52,991.00	
I declare under the penalties of law that this account claim or demand, is just and correct and no part of it has been paid. Please make check payable to Washington County and mail to the address above.					Invoice Total	\$52,991.00
					Sales Tax	
					Balance Due	\$52,991.00

December 4, 2025

To the Board of Commissioners
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Metropolitan Emergency Services Board for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit. We are available to meet with you to discuss this information further since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process. Our contact information is provided below:

	Direct Dial	Email
Andy Hering, CPA, Partner	651-407-5877	ahering@redpathcpas.com
Lyndsey Peck, CPA, Associate Director	651-407-5853	lpeck@redpathcpas.com

Our Responsibilities under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated January 20, 2022, reconfirmed on December 1, 2025, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

As part of our audit, we will consider the system of internal control of Metropolitan Emergency Services Board. Such considerations are solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we will also perform tests of Metropolitan Emergency Services Board’s compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions is not an objective of our audit.

Generally accepted accounting principles provide for certain required supplementary information (RSI) to supplement the basic financial statements. Our responsibility with respect to the management’s discussion and analysis, the budgetary comparison information, and the schedules of OPEB and pension information, which supplement the basic financial statements, is to apply certain limited procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. However, the RSI will not be audited and, because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient appropriate evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.



Planned Scope, Timing of the Audit, Significant Risks, and Other

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters could be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

During audit planning, we identified the following areas as significant risks of material misstatement and we will conduct audit procedures aligned with these risks:

- Management override of controls
- Cash disbursements
- Improper revenue recognition relating to expenditure driven grants

We expect to begin our audit on March 30, 2026 and issue our reports no later than June 30, 2026. Andy Hering is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report or authorizing another individual to sign it.

Additionally, audit standards require us to inquire of those directly charged with governance as to their knowledge or suspicions of fraud, as well as their views about fraud risks. As such, please contact us if there is anything which you would like to discuss in these regards.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of Metropolitan Emergency Services Board and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,

Redpath and Company, LLC

REDPATH AND COMPANY, LLC
St. Paul, Minnesota

Jill Rohret

From: Jill Rohret
Sent: Monday, January 5, 2026 1:39 PM
To: 'Dyer, Shannon'
Cc: Murphy, Robert; Greene, Jonaluska; Clark, Paul
Subject: Data Practices Request - RFP Responses
Attachments: Datamark Data Practices Request - MESB RFP Responses.zip

Shannon:

As I said on the phone, I apologize for the delay in getting these to you. I was wrapping up my Data Practices requests right before Thanksgiving and somehow I didn't get these sent to you.

I see that I even have a file folder labeled Datamark Records Request, so it was all ready to go. Attached is a .zip file of the responses. Please let me know if you have any issues with the file.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. Again, I apologize for the delay.

Sincerely,
Jill Rohret

Jill Rohret
Executive Director
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
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St. Paul, MN 55104
(651) 643-8394
jrohret@mn-mesb.org

From: Dyer, Shannon <Shannon.Dyer@mbakerintl.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 12:25 PM
To: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>
Cc: Murphy, Robert <Robert.Murphy@mbakerintl.com>; Greene, Jonaluska <Jon.Greene@mbakerintl.com>; Clark, Paul <Paul.Clark@mbakerintl.com>
Subject: Redacted Proposal

Jill,
Thank you so much for all of your work on this and consideration. We understand and accept that the response will become public.

Shannon Dyer (She/Her) | National Contract Manager
165 South Union Boulevard, Suite 1000 | Lakewood, CO 80228 | [M] 720-466-9307
shannon.dyer@mbakerintl.com | www.mbakerintl.com



From: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 7:46 AM
To: Dyer, Shannon <Shannon.Dyer@mbakerintl.com>
Cc: Murphy, Robert <Robert.Murphy@mbakerintl.com>; Greene, Jonaluska <Jon.Greene@mbakerintl.com>; Clark, Paul <Paul.Clark@mbakerintl.com>
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Redacted Proposal

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Shannon:

Thank you for your patience while I research the issue of pricing and whether it can be deemed trade secret. I was able to speak with the Data Practices Office of the Minnesota Department of Administration and asked them for guidance on this issue. The Department of Administration is responsible for providing opinions on interpreting what is nonpublic data, such as trade secret.

I was told that the Minnesota Department of Administration presumes pricing data found in RFP responses to be public once the evaluation process is completed. The reasoning is that pricing transparency is paramount when public funds are involved. Therefore, the pricing data Datamark provided in its RFP responses will be public data.

If you disagree with the interpretation of Minnesota Statute Section 13.27, please provide a detailed explanation with supporting law, rule, case decision or Minnesota Department of Administration opinion.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jill Rohret

Jill Rohret
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From: Dyer, Shannon <Shannon.Dyer@mbakerintl.com>
Sent: Friday, November 7, 2025 10:22 AM
To: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>
Cc: Murphy, Robert <Robert.Murphy@mbakerintl.com>; Greene, Jonaluska <Jon.Greene@mbakerintl.com>; Clark, Paul <Paul.Clark@mbakerintl.com>
Subject: Redacted Proposal

Hello Jill,
I agree with your assessment around redacting employee information, however we do believe that redacting the pricing falls under this section of the rule:

other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

Please let me know if you agree with this assertion and if you would like me to resubmit a revised redacted version.

Shannon Dyer (She/Her) | National Contract Manager
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shannon.dyer@mbakerintl.com | www.mbakerial.com



From: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>
Sent: Thursday, November 6, 2025 8:48 AM
To: Dyer, Shannon <Shannon.Dyer@mbakerintl.com>
Cc: Murphy, Robert <Robert.Murphy@mbakerintl.com>; Greene, Jonaluska <Jon.Greene@mbakerintl.com>; Clark, Paul <Paul.Clark@mbakerintl.com>
Subject: EXTERNAL: RE: Redacted Proposal

EXTERNAL EMAIL

Shannon:

Good morning!

Thank you for your response.

Please take a look at the information at this link pertaining to how the Minnesota Department of Administration views Trade Secret information as it pertains to Data Practices: <https://mn.gov/admin/data-practices/data/types/tradesecrets/>. In general, Minnesota's interpretation of trade secret is very narrow.

I am writing to seek clarification and justification for Datamark's reasoning for the redactions it made as it does not appear that all of the redacted information is indeed trade secret information.

If you could review the information on the above website and provide me Datamark's justification for its redactions, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jill Rohret

Jill Rohret
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From: Dyer, Shannon <Shannon.Dyer@mbakerintl.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 30, 2025 10:44 AM

To: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>

Cc: Murphy, Robert <Robert.Murphy@mbakerintl.com>; Greene, Jonaluska <Jon.Greene@mbakerintl.com>; Clark, Paul <Paul.Clark@mbakerintl.com>

Subject: Redacted Proposal

Hello Jill,

Please see attached our redacted proposal and pricing document. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Shannon Dyer (She/Her) | National Contract Manager

165 South Union Boulevard, Suite 1000 | Lakewood, CO 80228 | [M] 720-466-9307

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Jill Rohret

From: Jill Rohret
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 12:04 PM
To: 'Tillemans, Rachel M.'; Aafedt, David
Cc: bob.jacobson@state.mn.us; kim.parker@state.mn.us; cassandra.ohern@state.mn.us; Hanson, Thomas J; Kurth, Rachel S.
Subject: RE: Geo-Comm, Inc. Restated and Supplemental MN Government Data Practices Act Requests to the MESB
Attachments: MESB Invoice No. 233316.pdf

Mr. Aafedt:

Attached is the invoice for the remaining portion of your Data Practices Act request.

Once the MESB receives payment, I can release the files to you. Last time you used a courier to send the payment; should you choose to do so again, our building is open today until 4:00 p.m. and tomorrow it will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Jill Rohret

Jill Rohret
Executive Director
Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
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(651) 643-8394
jrohret@mn-mesb.org

From: Tillemans, Rachel M. <RTillemans@winthrop.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 1:43 PM
To: Jill Rohret <JRohret@mn-mesb.org>
Cc: bob.jacobson@state.mn.us; kim.parker@state.mn.us; cassandra.ohern@state.mn.us; Hanson, Thomas J <THanson@winthrop.com>; Kurth, Rachel S. <RKurth@winthrop.com>; Aafedt, David <DAafedt@winthrop.com>
Subject: Geo-Comm, Inc. Restated and Supplemental MN Government Data Practices Act Requests to the MESB

Ms. Rohret,

Please find the attached correspondence on behalf of David M. Aafedt regarding the above-mentioned matter.

Thank you.

Rachel M. Tillemans
Winthrop & Weinstine, P.A.
(612) 604-6635
rtillemans@winthrop.com

Legal Assistant for:
David M. Aafedt
Tracy L. Jacobs

Rachel S. Kurth

Capella Tower | Suite 3500 | 225 S 6th Street | Minneapolis, MN 55402

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WASHINGTON COUNTY ACCOUNTING &
FINANCE
C/O METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERV BRD
2099 UNIVERSITY AVE W STE 201
ST PAUL MN 55104-3431

Invoice	
Invoice Number:	233316
Account Number:	268157
Due Date:	12/25/25
Amount Enclosed:	\$ _____
Federal Tax Id:41-6005919	

To: WINTHROP & WEINSTINE
MR DAVID AAFEDT ESQ
225 S SIXTH ST STE 3500
MINNEAPOLIS MN 55402

Please return top portion with payment. Thank You.

Invoice						
Date	Number	Type	Due Date	Remark	Amount	
11/25/25	233316	Invoice	12/25/25	DataAccess-MESB 9.25hr@\$31.35	\$289.99	
I declare under the penalties of law that this account claim or demand, is just and correct and no part of it has been paid.					Invoice Total	\$289.99
Please make check payable to Washington County and mail to the address above.					Sales Tax	
					Balance Due	\$289.99



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11A. Approval of 2026 SECB Appointments
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend the Board appoint the following people be appointed to the Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB) and its committees representing the MESB in 2026:

SECB

Primary:
Alternate: Jill Rohret

SECB Interoperability

Primary: Ron Jansen (Dakota Co.)
Alternate: Nate Timm (Washington Co.)

SECB Finance

Primary: Jill Rohret
Alternate: Tracey Fredrick

SECB Wireless Broadband & Applications

Primary: Rod Olson (Minneapolis)
Alternate: Ryan Emberland (Anoka Co.)

SECB Legislative

Primary: Jill Rohret
Alternate: Kevin Anderson (Hennepin Co.)

SECB IPAWS

Primary: Kari Morrissey (Anoka Co.)
Alternate: Scott Haas (Scott Co.)

SECB Steering

Primary: Tracey Fredrick
Alternate: Jill Rohret

SECB Grants Workgroup

Primary: Tracey Fredrick
Alternate: Jill Rohret

SECB NG9-1-1

Primary: Janelle Harris (Edina)
Alternate: Brent Anderson (Dakota Co.)

NG9-1-1 Technical Workgroup

Primary: Scott Petersen (Minneapolis)
Alternate: None

SECB Land Mobile Radio

Primary: Mike Mihelich (Ramsey Co.)
Alternate: Nate Timm (Washington Co.)

NG9-1-1 Operations Workgroup

Primary: LaVae Robinson (Bloomington)
Alternate: Kari Morrissey (Anoka Co.)

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board, per Minnesota Statute Chapter 403, has a seat on the SECB, and has maintained seats on all SECB committees since the SECB's inception. The MESB makes its annual appointments to the SECB and its committees each January. Statute states the MESB representative to the SECB is the Chair, though some Chairs have chosen to delegate that assignment.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11A. Approval of 2026 SECB Appointments
Presenter: Rohret

The SECB governs the ARMER system, Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) and interoperable data (FirstNet).

ISSUES & CONCERNS

Staff discussed the appointments listed in the recommendation with those that served in 2024 and who remain on the board in 2026. The appointees who served in 2025 and are willing to serve again are included in the recommendation above. If others wish to serve as representative or alternate the Board can discuss and make determinations during the meeting. The intent in asking the 2025 representatives was to have suggestions as a starting point for discussion. **MESB staff is listed in some cases as a placeholder (highlighted in gray)**, for all appointments listed except for the Legislative Committee. Jill Rohret was appointed 2026 chair of the SECB's Legislative Committee.

The SECB Finance, Steering, and Legislative Committees, as well as the SECB itself meet via WebEx, though the SECB has a hybrid meeting option.

The meeting days are as follows:

SECB Finance: second Thursday at 9:00 a.m. via telephone or WebEx.

SECB Legislative: first Thursday at 10:00 a.m. via telephone or WebEx.

SECB Steering: second Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. via telephone or WebEx.

SECB: fourth Thursday at 12:30 p.m.; via telephone or WebEx or at ECN offices 445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1725, St. Paul.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11B. Approval of Executive Director
Travel Requests
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director recommends Board approval of the Executive Director travel requests to attend the 2026 National Emergency Number Association (NENA) annual conference in June in Columbus, OH, and the 2026 Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials (APCO) conference and Motorola Trunked Users Group (MTUG) National meeting in August in San Antonio, TX.

BACKGROUND

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board Policy 007 – Travel requires Board approval of travel requests for the Executive Director.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The Executive Director seeks approval for one travel request to attend two conferences/meetings.

The first request is to attend the 2026 NENA annual conference in Columbus, OH, June 27-July 1, 2026. The travel request for this conference is \$3,085.00, which was included in the 2026 MESB operational budget.

The second request is to attend the 2026 APCO annual conference and 2026 MTUG national meeting in San Antonio, TX. The APCO conference is August 2-5, 2026; the MTUG meeting is August 6-7, 2026. The travel request for these two meetings is for \$3,291.00, which was included in the 2026 MESB operational budget.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

These items were included in the 2026 MESB operational budget, along with an additional conference, which the Executive Director did not attend.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11C. Approval of Amendments to
MESB Policies
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Director recommends the Board approve amendments to MESB Policies: 014 – Flex Time Off and 025 – Data Access - Public.

BACKGROUND

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board established policies ranging from the succession of Board officers to a gift acceptance policy to an insurance deductible policy. Many of the policies were derived from the Metropolitan 9-1-1 Board and were established 1997-1998; others were approved and implemented later, including after the merger of the Metropolitan 9-1-1 Board and the Metropolitan Radio Board in 2005. Most of the policies were updated after the merger and the creation of the MESB, but the updates primarily focused on the name change and little to no substantive changes have been made. The policies were all reviewed in 2015-2016 and amendments were made to most. Additionally new policies have been created since 2015.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The January 1, 2026 implementation of Paid Leave required updates to human resources policies for nearly every entity, government or private business, in the state. Because Dakota County continues to provide benefits for MESB, including handling paperwork and processing for things like unemployment and Paid Leave, MESB did not create its own policy for Paid Leave, intending to simply follow Dakota County's policy. MESB staff have access to the Dakota County policy.

However, due to Paid Leave, Dakota County did make some changes to its Flex Time Off (FTO) policy, which does affect the MESB's Flex Time Off policy, thereby necessitating changes. The amendments appear on page 1 of the policy and include a reference to Dakota County Policy 3242 for Leaves of Absence. The other primary amendment includes language stating that the use of FTO and paid holidays are considered hours worked, when new employees begin accruing FTO, and when FTO may be used once it is earned.

Policy 025 – Data Access – Public contains several amendments. The first substantive amendment clarifies that the MESB uses guidance from the Department of Administration and the Attorney General to interpret the Government Data Practices Act, along with statute and case law. The other substantive changes is the update to the cost of employee time to make copies. The old dollar figure was based on 2016 wages; the new proposed figure uses 2025 wage data.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11C. Approval of Amendments to
MESB Policies
Presenter: Rohret

Staff plans to update this figure annually in January based on the previous year's wage data. All other amendments in this policy are language clarifications or grammatical updates.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB, other than the MESB could receive unbudgeted revenue should a large Data Practices request be received that requires a substantial amount of staff time.

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Metropolitan Emergency Services Board

Subject: Flexible Time Off

Number: 014

Effective Date: 12-12-2001

Revision Date: ~~0301-1314-2024~~2026

Flexible Time Off (FTO) is an accrued benefit for each employee of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB or Board) prescribed in the benefit package adopted by the Board.

For all other types of leave, including paid and unpaid, MESB follows Dakota County Policy 3242 – Leaves of Absence.

MESB employees accrue FTO in accordance with Dakota County Policy 3241 – Flex Leave. FTO accrues on a per pay period basis based on hours worked. For the purposes of this policy, the use of FTO, paid holidays, and in all other circumstances as required by law will be considered hours worked. Eligible new employees begin accruing FTO immediately. FTO may be used after the pay period in which it was earned.

The accrual rates are as follows (based on 1.0 FTE):

Years of Service	Annual Accrual Rate	Pay Period Accrual Rate
0-5 years	160 hours or 20 days per year	6.13 hours
6-10 years	192 hours or 24 days per year	7.36 hours
11-15 years	240 hours or 30 days per year	9.20 hours
16 or more years	304 hours or 38 days per year	11.65 hours

In compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 181.9447, Subd. 10, Dakota County and the MESB considers the first 48 hours of FTO earned and FTO used annually by any employee as Earned Sick and Safe Time (ESST), unless otherwise designated by the Executive Director and Dakota County Employee Relations.

Employees are responsible for keeping track of their FTO balances. Requests for FTO are to be made in advance and submitted to the Executive Director via email with as much notice as is practical. It is strongly recommended that employees disperse their FTO throughout the calendar year. Requests for FTO shall be granted unless, in the judgment of the Executive Director, the request will jeopardize workload requirements. Approved time off that must be cancelled due to extenuating, unforeseen circumstances after approval has been granted, will be honored on a mutually agreed schedule at a later date.

Every employee receives their FTO balance through the current pay period on their pay stub. Each employee is expected to review their balance; if an employee does not agree with the balance, they should contact the MESB Financial Services Specialist to reconcile the difference and get the correct information to Dakota County.

The MESB will maintain an ongoing record of accrued FTO time for each employee. This information will be obtained from the FTO reports supplied by Dakota County. An employee may request an FTO accrual report at any time.

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Subject: Flexible Time Off

Number: 014

Effective Date: 12-12-2001

Revision Date: ~~0301-1314-2024~~2026

FTO balances become available upon an employee's termination or resignation.

Carry Over of Accrued FTO and Conversion Options

An employee may carry over a maximum of 1,000 FTO hours in any given calendar year. MESB employees who have over 1,000 FTO hours at the end of a calendar year will have the cash equivalency of the excess hours deposited in the Minnesota State Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) according to the Plan's provisions. Employees who, at any given time throughout the year, have accrued 980 hours of FTO will be reminded of the 1,000-hour maximum carryover from one calendar year to the next.

Conversion of FTO to Deferred Compensation and Wages

As part of the annual Open Enrollment process, employees have the option to convert accrued FTO hours into deferred compensation or to wages.

To be eligible to participate in annual conversion of FTO to deferred compensation or wages, employees must meet the following criteria as defined in Dakota County Policy 3241:

- Employees must have used 60 hours of FTO during the first three payroll quarters
- Employees must have 60 hours of FTO accrued at the last payroll preceding open enrollment
- Employees must have a balance of 40 hours of FTO after conversion

The maximum amount of FTO which can be converted to deferred compensation is 20% of the total FTO balance (subject to maximum deferral regulations as stated in IRC Section 457 and state salary statute limitations, if applicable). Conversion of FTO to deferred compensation shall be effective the following calendar year.

Employees may convert up to 100 FTO hours to wages, provided they meet the conversion requirements above.

Employees retiring from the MESB may convert FTO to deferred compensation, subject to maximum deferral regulations as stated in IRC Section 457, on their final paycheck prior to receiving their severance payment.

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Subject: Data Access – Public

Number: 025

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Data Practices Policy for Members of the Public

Right to access public data

The Government Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13) presumes that all government data are public unless a state or federal law says the data are not public.

Government data is a term that means all recorded information a government entity has, including paper, email, flash drives, CDs, DVDs, photographs, etc.

The Government Data Practices Act also provides that this government entity must keep all government data in a way that makes it easy for members of the public to access public data. Members of the public have the right to look at (inspect [at the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board \(MESB\) place of business](#)), free of charge, all public data that the ~~Metropolitan Emergency Services Board~~ (MESB) keeps. Members of the public also have the right to obtain copies of public data. The Government Data Practices Act allows the MESB to charge for copies. Members of the public have the right to look at data, free of charge, before deciding to request copies. [Along with statute and case law, the MESB uses guidance from the Department of Administration and the Attorney General to interpret the Government Data Practices Act.](#)

How to make a data request

Members of the public can look at data, or request copies of data that this government entity keeps. All data requests must be made in writing to the appropriate individual listed in the Data Practices Contacts on page five (5). Data requests will be accepted via US Mail and email, using the data request form shown on page seven (7).

If members of the public choose not ~~use~~ to use the data request form, requests must include:

- The request is a request for public data under the Government Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13).
- Whether the request is to inspect the data, have copies of the data, or both.
- A clear description of the data being requested for inspection or copied.

This government entity cannot require members of the public to identify oneself or explain the reason for the data request. However, depending on how the request is being processed (if, for example, copies of data are being mailed), the MESB may need some personal information. If identifying information is not supplied to the MESB, the ~~requestor~~ [requester](#) will be provided with contact information so the ~~requestor~~ [requester](#) may check on the status of the data request. In addition, please keep in mind that if the MESB does not understand the request and have no way to contact the ~~requestor~~ [requester](#), the MESB will not be able to begin processing the request.

How the MESB responds to a data request

Upon receiving a public data request, the MESB will work to process it.

- ~~If it is not clear what data are being requested, the MESB will ask for clarification~~ [The MESB will ask for clarification if there is ambiguity or uncertainty concerning the data requested.](#)

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- If the MESB does not have the data, the MESB will notify the ~~requestor~~requester in writing within ten (10) business days.
- If the MESB has the requested data, ~~which is considered not public data, but the data are not public,~~ the MESB will notify the ~~requestor~~requester as soon as reasonably possible and ~~state which specific law says the data are~~ provide the law stating the data to be not public.
- If the MESB has the data, and the data are public, the MESB will respond to the request appropriately and promptly, within a reasonable amount of time by doing one of the following:
 - Arrange a date, time, and place to inspect data, for free, if the request is to look at the data, or
 - Provide the ~~requestor~~requester with copies of the data as soon as reasonably possible. The ~~requestor~~requester may choose to pick up the copies, or the MESB will mail them to ~~you~~the requester. The MESB will provide electronic copies (such as email or CD-ROM) upon request if the data is kept in electronic format.

Information about copy charges is on page 6. ~~We~~MESB will provide notice to ~~requestors~~requesters about the MESB's requirement to prepay for copies.

If the ~~requestor~~requester does not understand some of the data (technical terminology, abbreviations, or acronyms), please let the MESB know. The MESB will give an explanation if requested.

The Government Data Practices Act does not require the MESB to create or collect new data in response to a data request if it does not already have the data, or to provide data in a specific form or arrangement if the MESB does not keep the data in that form or arrangement (for example, if the data requested are on paper only, the MESB is not required to create electronic documents to respond to the request). If the MESB agrees to create data in response to a request, it will work with the ~~requestor~~requester on the details of the request, including cost and response time.

In addition, the MESB is not required under the Government Data Practices Act to respond to questions that are not specific requests for data.

Requests for summary data

Summary data are statistical records or reports that are prepared by removing all identifiers from private or confidential data on individuals. The preparation of summary data is not a means to gain access to private or confidential data.

~~We~~MESB will prepare summary data if the request is made in writing and the requestor ~~pre-~~ pays for the cost of creating the data.

Upon receiving your written request – you may use the data request form on page 7 – ~~we~~MESB will respond within ten business days with the data or details of when the data will be ready and how much ~~we~~MESB will charge.

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Responsible Authority

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Copy Costs – Members of the Public

This government entity charges data subjects for copies of government data. These charges are authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.03, subdivision 3(c).

Copy charges must be paid before copies are released to the requestor. The MESB will not charge for copies if the cost is less than \$10.00.

For 100 or fewer paper copies – 25 cents per page

Per Minnesota Statutes 13.03, Subd.3c, 100 or fewer pages of black and white, letter or ~~legal size~~legal-size paper copies cost 25¢ for a one-sided copy, or 50¢ for a two-sided copy.

Most other types of copies – actual cost

The charge for most other types of copies, when a charge is not set by statute or rule, is the actual cost of searching for and retrieving the ~~data, and~~data and making the copies or electronically transmitting the data (e.g. sending the data by email).

Per Minnesota Statutes 13.03, Subd. 3d, in determining the actual cost of making copies, the MESB will factor in employee time, the cost of the materials onto which the data are being copied (paper, CD, DVD, etc.), ~~and~~and mailing costs (if any). If the request is for copies of data that the MESB cannot reproduce itself, such as photographs, the requestor will be charged the actual cost the MESB must pay an outside vendor for the copies.

The cost of employee time to make copies is \$~~31.35~~49.97 per hour in ~~2016~~2026.

If, because of the subject matter of the request, the MESB finds it necessary for a higher-paid employee to search for and retrieve the data, the MESB will calculate the search and retrieval portion of the copy charge at the higher salary/wage.

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Data Request Form – Members of the Public

Request date:

I am requesting access to data in the following way:

- Inspection
- Copies
- Both inspection and copies

The MESB will respond to your request as soon as reasonably possible.

Contact information

Name:

Address/phone number/email address:

Note: You do not have to provide any contact information. However, if you want the MESB to mail/email you copies of data, the MESB will need some type of contact information. In addition, if the MESB does not understand your request and ~~needs to get~~requires clarification from you, without contact information it will not be able to begin processing your request until you contact the MESB.

These are the data I am requesting:

Describe the data you are requesting as specifically as possible.



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date:
Agenda Item:

January 14, 2026
11D. Approval of 2026
MESB Legislative Platform
Rohret

Presenter:

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend approval of the 2026 MESB legislative platform.

BACKGROUND

In past years, the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board developed a legislative agenda, which was approved by the board. The agenda is traditionally MESB staff and MESB lobbyists' best estimation of items which may arise during the legislative session.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

The 2026 Minnesota Legislative session begins on February 17, 2026.

Staff worked with Poul Haas to update the MESB's legislative platform and legislative agenda.

The legislative platform did not change as the policy statements remain relevant. The platform allows for more flexibility to express MESB support or opposition as new bills are introduced. The platform consists of broader policy statements and priorities.

Below the legislative platform is a legislative agenda consistent of specific stances on issues or bills which have been or are anticipated to be introduced. This area has been the focus of discussions with Poul Haas.

The Executive Director and the MESB lobbyists will actively monitor bill introductions and will submit letters of support to committees and additional lobbying efforts in accordance with this platform.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No direct impact except for staff time at the Capitol.

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METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) supports public safety for the residents of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, and Washington Counties. This support includes oversight and management of the metropolitan portion of the ARMER radio system; oversight and management of the regional 9-1-1 network and system; and coordination of the regional EMS system.

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

9-1-1: To ensure that the state's 9-1-1 system delivers accurate and timely service that Minnesota residents expect, the MESB supports:

- Adequate funding to support county and municipal operation of public safety answering points (PSAPs) and the transition to Next Generation 9-1-1, including funds for on-going GIS data maintenance;
- Funding assistance to provide PSAP operational resiliency systems, such as computer aided dispatch information sharing;
- Updates to the 9-1-1 statutes (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 403) to reflect 9-1-1 network and operational requirements in a Next Generation 9-1-1 system;
- Changes to the employment classification of public safety telecommunicators from clerical to protective services occupations; and
- Adoption of training requirements and a certification process for public safety telecommunicators.

Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER): To ensure that all first responders and others engaged in public safety projects can communicate in a secure and reliable manner, the MESB supports:

- Adequate funding to support implementation of Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) level encryption, including radio purchase and programming costs;
- Funding to support the purchase and installation of distributed antenna systems in K-12 schools to support ARMER penetration into the schools in the event of active assailant situations; and
- Adequate planning and funding to support the purchase, installation, upgrades, and maintenance of the ARMER system by all system owners.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): To ensure the administration of a coordinated EMS system in the metropolitan region, the MESB supports:

- Long-term, sustainable funding for regional EMS programs, including funds to augment the declining funds derived from seatbelt fines; and
- Funding systems to ensure closest unit is dispatched regardless of Primary Service Areas (PSAs) to critical 9-1-1 calls.

Regional Emergency Communications Boards/Statewide Emergency Communications Board (SECB): To ensure the administration of a statewide emergency communication system, the MESB supports:

- Open transparent, and robust governance by the SECB over public safety communications systems, including changes to Minnesota Statutes Chapter 403; and
- Funding to provide dedicated staff to the SECB.

2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board has adopted the following positions as its legislative agenda for the 2026 legislative session.

- **Support Investments in ARMER System:** Build on the \$4 million allocated in 2023 and dedicate additional state dollars towards grants for the purchase of public safety radios consistent implementation statewide of AES Encryption and ARMER infrastructure.
- **Ensure Dedicated Ongoing Funding for EMS Delivery:** Support funding to implement an EMS Mutual Aid Platform to allow for dispatching of closest units in response to critical 9-1-1 calls, such as cardiac arrests and strokes. Support dedicated ongoing, increased funding for EMS regional programs.
- **Digital Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping for School Facilities – Maintenance Funding:** Secure ongoing funding to maintain digital geographic information system (GIS) school maps created with a 2024 \$7 million legislative appropriation from the 9-1-1 special revenue fund, to ensure schools, law enforcement, and 9-1-1 call centers have accurate mapping to improve emergency response, caller location, and facility access when responding to schools.
- **Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) Interoperability Funding:** Secure funding to procure a computer-aided dispatch (CAD) interoperability system that allows PSAPs to share 9-1-1 call information without needing to call another PSAP, thereby saving time and resources during emergent and high-call volume events.
- **Funding for Stop the Bleed Initiative for Schools:** Funding to procure equipment and training for implementing a Stop the Bleed initiative in Minnesota schools.



METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD

Meeting Date: January 14, 2026
Agenda Item: 11E. Discussion: Feedback
of Poul Haas Legislative Materials
Presenter: Rohret

RECOMMENDATION

None – discussion item only.

BACKGROUND

In past years, the Metropolitan Emergency Services Board developed a legislative agenda, which was approved by the board. The agenda is traditionally MESB staff and MESB lobbyists' best estimation of items which may arise during the legislative session. The Board has not traditionally seen other legislative materials staff have worked with the lobbyists to provide to legislators.

ISSUES & CONCERNS

Since the November 2025 MESB meeting, when the MESB signed its contract with Poul Haas, staff and Poul Haas have been working on both the 2026 legislative platform, but also on one-pager handouts to provide to legislators on specific issues.

Poul Haas requested time on the January agenda for the Board to review the one-pager documents and to provide feedback. The content of the documents continues to be refined; it is possible updated versions will be presented at the January 14 Board meeting.

*Note: the documents were drafted using 2025 officers as placeholders while MESB staff waited to hear if any MESB member agency changed its appointments for 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None to the MESB.

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What does the MESB Do?

- Oversees and manages the metro portion of the ARMER radio system, the regional 9-1-1 system, and coordinates the regional EMS system.
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2026 MESB School Safety Initiatives

MESB is dedicated to advancing policies and securing funding for initiatives that enhance school safety.

Digital Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping for School Facilities – Maintenance Funding and Map Sharing

\$7 million granted in 2024 from the 9-1-1 special revenue fund to create digital geographic information system (GIS) mapping for all K-12 school facilities in Minnesota to create accurate maps to ensure schools, law enforcement, and PSAPs/9-1-1 call centers have accurate mapping to improve emergency response, caller location, and facility access when responding to schools.

REQUEST:

\$1,102,400 in FY 2027 to maintain the GIS maps.

Amend the statute to ensure maps are shared with law enforcement.

Funding for Stop the Bleed Initiative for Schools

A vital initiative aimed at training school staff and students to respond effectively to life threatening bleeding emergencies which is crucial for enhancing safety in schools.

REQUEST:

\$2,000,000 in FY 2027 to procure equipment and training to implement the Stop the Bleed initiative in Minnesota schools.



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What is ARMER and How does it Work?

- The Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) is Minnesota’s primary two-way public safety radio system used by most state, county, and local public safety agencies.
- MnDOT owns and operates the ARMER backbone, including the core network and regional sites; local governments fund and maintain local equipment and access costs.
- MESB governs the region-wide shared-radio system covering the ten metro counties that is part of the larger state-wide system and provides regional administrative and operational support, including tower site leasing, utilities, grant coordination, and regional system standards.

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ARMER RADIO SYSTEM

Protecting public safety communications



ARMER RADIO ISSUES

- ARMER is essential for public safety--it is the backbone of coordinated response.
- Infrastructure and equipment across the state is becoming outdated and will need replacement soon.
- With out a stable funding source for maintenance, reliability, and modernization, public safety is at risk.



WHY IT MATTERS:

- First responders rely on seamless communication across jurisdictions during daily operations and large-scale emergencies.
- Gaps in maintenance funding, system upgrades, and data sharing create real public safety risks.



SOLUTION:

A coordinated package of policy and investments that funds the purchase, installation, upgrades, and maintenance of the ARMER system, supports local partners, and invests in Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) level of encryption.

2026 MESB ARMER Legislative Priorities:

New Statewide Approach

Support the Minnesota Public Safety Radio Communications Funding and Interoperability Act

- Establishes statewide funding and governance for ARMER infrastructure and equipment
- Eliminates the requirement for counties to fund ARMER network expansion.

Funding Solutions to Bridge Toward a Statewide Approach

- 1. Support MnDOT's \$14 million ARMER request** to maintain and update the ARMER system backbone.
- 2. Provide Ongoing Maintenance Funding for County Infrastructure** to ensure radio systems are reliable and are maintained.
- 3. Expand and Support ARMER Equipment Grants.** Build on the \$4 million appropriation allocated in 2023 and dedicate additional state dollars for towards grants for the purchase of public safety radios.



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MESB is dedicated to advancing policies and securing funding for emergency services initiatives that enhance public safety in Minnesota.

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board advocates for dedicated ongoing funding for emergency medical services.

- MESB supports funding to implement an EMS Mutual Aid Platform to allow for dispatching of closest units in response to critical 9-1-1 calls.
- MESB supports funding of mental health resources for EMS personnel who endure secondhand trauma in the course of their work.
- MESB appreciates the one-time funding allocated by the 2025 legislature for the EMR/EMT Education Reimbursement Program and requests ongoing funding to ensure aspiring EMR/EMTs can serve their community without concerns about the cost of their education.

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MESB and 9-1-1

- MESB works in concert with the Department of Public Safety's (DPS) Emergency Communications Networks (ECN) division to manage the 9-1-1 network in the ten-county metro region.
- MESB works with public safety answering points (PSAPs) (9-1-1 centers), to resolve 9-1-1 issues, set 9-1-1 operational standards, and provide regional 9-1-1 planning and coordination.
- Across the country, 9-1-1 systems are in a state of change as we move from legacy 1970's landline technology towards IP-based mobile technology of today.
- MESB is implementing next generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) which operates using GIS data to allow for more accurate routed 9-1-1 calls from mobile telecommunication devices.
- This new system will allow PSAPs to share applications and workload and will enable larger PSAPs to have better disaster recovery options than are currently available.

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9-1-1 System



9-1-1 Issues

- There is an inability for PSAPs in different regions to connect Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) systems to expedite emergency response. This issue was highlighted during recent emergency incidents.
- Current 9-1-1 statutes (Chapter 403) have not been updated to reflect the new Next Gen 9-1-1 System.



Why This Matters

- We need to ensure that:
- the state's 9-1-1 system delivers accurate and timely service.
 - PSAPs have the ability to coordinate with each other during large scale public safety events.
 - Minnesota Statutes are updated to reflect new 9-1-1 technology



Solutions

- Investments in CAD-to-CAD systems to expedite emergency response.
- Statutory updates

2026 MESB 9-1-1 Priorities

Funding for a CAD-to-CAD Interoperability Solution

- This funding will allow MESB to obtain a CAD-to-CAD integration solution designed to connect disparate CAD systems for the purpose of expediting emergency response that cross jurisdictional and PSAP boundaries.
- It allows other PSAPs to answer 9-1-1 calls intended for a PSAP that has been inundated with 9-1-1 calls during emergency situations, which provide callers with better service during these events.

9-1-1 Statutory Updates

- Update 9-1-1 Statutes (Chapter 403) through stakeholder engagement to reflect 9-1-1 network and operational requirements in a Next Generation 9-1-1 system.