

# Meeting Minutes: Full Council Special Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2021  
Location: 1600 University Avenue W., Suite 8 Saint Paul, MN 55104  
Following Open Meeting Law, 13D, this meeting is held fully electronically due to the health pandemic of COVID-19

## Attendance

### Council Members

| Council Member | Attendance |
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| Nikki Villavicencio | Present |
| Myrna Peterson | Present |
| Jen Foley | Present (joined 9:40am) |
| Dawn Bly | Present |
| Dave Johnson | Present |
| Hope Johnson | Present (left at 9:56am) |
| Andy Christensen | Present |
| Quinn Nystrom | Present |
| John Fechter | Present |
| Ted Stamp | Present (left at 10:13am) |
| Saido Abdirashid | Present (9:06am) (left 10:34am) |
| Judy Moe | Present |
| Trent Dilks | Absent |
| Leigh Lake | Absent |
| Christy Caez Claudio | Absent |

### Staff

* David Dively, E.D.
* Shannon Hartwig
* Linda Gremillion
* David Fenley
* Chad Miller
* Trevor Turner
* Brittanie Wilson

### Ex-Officio Members

* Anne Schulte, MDH
* Scott Beutel, MDHR
* Tom Delaney, MDE
* Wendy Wulff, METC

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am

**Action:** Agenda approved by unanimous voice vote, with 11 in favor and 4 members absent.

## Covid Data Update

David Dively, Executive Director provided the group with an update about where we are as a state and partially as a nation regarding COVID-19.

## Full Council Discussion Masking Letter

Discussion amongst the group, each of the council members shared statement or concerns surrounding the topic of data specifically and review of the letter. 4 Ex-Officio members made comment on the topic of discussion. David Dively read the masking letter to the group, prior to the discussion/round robin.

**Action:** Motion to approve council support of the letter as it is written (MCD Mask Letter.pdf), motion passed by roll call vote, all members present in favor (10 of 10 members present), 5 members absent, motion passed.

## Request to Join Lawsuit Regarding Masking

David Dively provided the group with information about the request to join a lawsuit regarding masking due to Covid.

**Action:** Council gives staff guidance to continue in conversations with people regarding request and bring it to us at a time fitting to move forward or release this opportunity for the council. All members present in favor (10 of 10 members present), 5 members absent, motion passed.

## Public Comment

No Public Comment.

Adjourned 11:04 am

Submitted By: Shannon Hartwig