



Governor's Residence Council Meeting

Virtual: MS Teams Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

9:30 to 11:00 am

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Declarations
3. Approve Minutes of January 22, 2025 Meeting.....Approval
4. Update on Asset Preservation Project..... Informational
5. Committee Chair Updates.....Informational
 - First Family Circle
 - Landscaping
 - Interior Design
 - Restoration
6. Residence Manager ReportInformational
7. Other Business Updates.....Informational
8. Adjourn

2025 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, July 23, 2025
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025



GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL
Wednesday, January 22, 2025, DRAFT Minutes

Members Attended	YES	NO		YES	NO
Patricia Crego , Public Member	X		Rep. Ginny Klevorn , Minnesota House	X	
John Dietrich , Public Member		X	Katie Knutson , Public Member	X	
Jeffrey Feulner , American Society of Landscape Architects	X		Catherine Nicholson , Public Member	X	
Vicki Ford , Donor's Family Representative		X	Marilyn Porter , Public Member		X
Amanda Frie , Governor's Designee	X		Dr. Angel Smith , Public Member	X	
Sue Gens , MN State Arts Board	X		Julie Spiering , North American Society of Interior Design		X
Tamar Gronvall , Commissioner, Dept of Administration (ADM)	X		Amelious Whyte , Chair, Public Member	X	
Eric Hansen , American Institute of Architects	X		Liz Young , Public Member		X
Sen. Karin Housley , Minnesota Senate		X	JoNes VanHecke , Higher Education Representative	X	
Christine Jones , Minnesota Historical Society	X				

1. Call to Order

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at approximately 9:31 AM. A roll call was conducted to establish attendance. The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams. Interested individuals were able to monitor the meeting remotely at no cost. The meeting agenda was posted on the Governor's Residence Council (GRC) website to ensure public access.

Also in attendance were Assistant Commissioner Jessi Held (Administration), Assistant Commissioner Wayne Waslaski (Administration), Legislative Director Julie Bayerl (Administration), Executive Aide Jacob Hafften (Administration), Governor's Residence Executive Director Jill Winzenburg, and Senator Karin Housley's Legislative Assistant, Angelique McDonald.

2. Conflict of Interest Declarations

Chair Whyte requested that members declare any conflicts of interest related to the agenda items, as required by Section 8 of the Governor's Residence Council bylaws. No conflicts of interest were reported.

3. Minutes of October 16, 2024, Meeting

Chair Whyte invited members to propose any edits to the minutes from the previous meeting. Hearing none, Chair Whyte called for a motion to approve the October 16, 2024, minutes. Crego moved to approve the minutes, and Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the minutes were approved with all members present voting in favor. Nicholson was not present for this portion of the meeting.

4. Financial Reports: July – December 2024

Chair Whyte called for discussion on the financial reports covering July through December 2024. No questions or concerns were raised. Assistant Commissioner Held provided an overview of the reports. Chair Whyte then called for a motion to approve them. Gens moved to approve; Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the reports were approved with all members present voting in favor. Nicholson was not present for this portion of the meeting.

5. Residence Gift Log

Chair Whyte recognized Governor's Residence Director Jill Winzenburg to present the gift log for Council approval. Winzenburg provided an overview of the donations made to the Residence. Chair Whyte called for questions or discussion. Hearing none, Chair Whyte requested a motion to approve the gift log. Smith moved to approve; Nicholson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the gift log was approved with all members present voting in favor.

6. Election of Officers

Chair Whyte invited Secretary Gens to facilitate the election of the Chair position, as Whyte currently holds the role. Secretary Gens opened the floor for nominations to serve as Chair for calendar year 2025. Whyte was nominated. No other nominations were submitted. A roll call vote was conducted, and all members present voted in favor of electing Whyte as Chair for calendar year 2025.

Chair Whyte resumed facilitation and called for nominations for the Secretary position. Gens was nominated to continue serving as Secretary. No additional nominations were received. A roll call vote was conducted. All members present voted in favor, with the exception of Gens, who abstained.

7. Appointment of Committee Chairs

Chair Whyte provided an overview of the committee chair appointment process, explaining that the Chair of the Council appoints members to serve as committee chairs. Chair Whyte announced that Hansen and Porter will continue to serve as Co-Chairs of the First Family Circle Committee. Feulner will continue to serve as Chair of the Landscape Committee, and Hansen will continue as Chair of the Restoration Committee. Confirmation is still pending from Spiering regarding continued service as Chair of the Interior Design Committee.

8. Update on Asset Preservation Project

Chair Whyte recognized Assistant Commissioner Wayne Waslaski to provide an update on the Asset Preservation Project. Waslaski provided an update on the project. Representative Klevorn asked when the First Family plans to return to the Residence. Waslaski responded that the timeline is still being finalized. Feulner inquired whether further landscape coordination would be needed beyond the plantings planned for spring. Waslaski replied that no additional landscape work is anticipated at this time. Hansen asked about plans for the east side of the property and whether any action was needed from him. Waslaski responded that no action was needed at this time. Representative Klevorn expressed appreciation to the Department of Administration and Residence staff for keeping the project on track. All council members echoed their thanks and acknowledged the efforts of Waslaski, his team, and Residence staff. Gens also thanked Representative Klevorn for including funding for the project in her state government bill to support this important state asset.

9. Committee Chair Updates

- First Family Circle and Restoration: No updates.

- Landscaping: No updates.
- Interior Design: No updates.

10. Residence Manager Report

Chair Whyte recognized Residence Director Jill Winzenburg to provide the Council with an update on the First Family.

11. Other Business Updates

Chair Whyte noted the Council's interest in coordinating with Residence staff on a possible event or meeting at the Residence. Director Winzenburg shared that this is under consideration and will be revisited once the First Family has returned. Several members expressed support. Chair Whyte noted that coordination and security considerations may limit options for holding an official meeting at the Residence.

No other items were raised.

12. Adjourn

At approximately 10:13 AM, Chair Whyte declared the meeting adjourned.