



**Governor’s Residence Council Meeting**

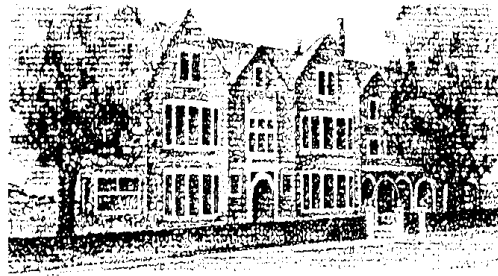
Hybrid: MS Teams Meeting or  
Kellogg Center, Prairie Room  
328 W Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102

**Wednesday, April 29, 2026  
9:30 to 11:00 am**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Conflict of Interest Declarations
3. Approve Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting.....Approval
4. Chair’s Report .....Informational
5. Appointment of Committee Chairs ..... Discussion
6. Committee Chair Updates.....Informational
  - First Family Circle
  - Landscaping
  - Interior Design
7. Residence Manager Report .....Informational
8. Other Business Updates.....Informational
9. Adjourn

2026 Meeting Schedule

- Wednesday, July 29, 2026
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026



**GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, January 28, 2026, DRAFT Minutes**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Whyte called the meeting to order at approximately 9:35 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), Legislative Director Julie Bayerl (Administration), Governor's Residence Executive Director Jill Winzenburg, and Executive Assistant Jacob Hafften (Administration), Craig Ruschmeyer (1006 Summit Ave Society).

**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 22, 2025, Meeting**

Chair Whyte invited edits to the previous meeting minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Klevorn and seconded by Feulner to approve the October 22, 2025, minutes. A roll call vote was conducted; all members present voted in favor, except Dietrich, Quinn, and Whyte, who abstained due to not attending the previous meeting. VanHecke was not present for this item and did not vote.

### **4. Financial Reports: July – December 2025**

Chair Whyte called for discussion on the financial reports covering July through December 2025. Brief discussion occurred regarding piano maintenance. Assistant Commissioner Held provided an overview of the reports. Chair Whyte called for a motion to approve the reports. Crego moved to approve; Spiering seconded. A roll call vote was conducted; all members present voted in favor. VanHecke was not present for this item and did not vote.

### **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. Brief discussion occurred regarding donation processes and the historical role of the 1006 Summit Avenue Society. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Whyte requested a motion to approve the gift log. Dietrich moved to approve; Housley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the gift log was approved, with all members present voting in favor. Young was not present for this item and did not vote.

### **6. Election of Officers**

Chair Whyte stated they would not continue serving as Chair and called for nominations. Gens nominated Hansen for Chair. Chair Whyte called for any additional nominations; hearing none, Chair Whyte requested a second. Crego seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was conducted, and Hansen was elected Chair for calendar year 2026, with all members present voting in favor. Young was not present for this item and did not vote.

Chair Whyte called for nominations for Secretary. Hansen nominated Gens for Secretary. Chair Whyte called for any additional nominations; hearing none, Chair Whyte requested a second. Housley seconded the nomination. A roll call vote was conducted, and Gens was elected Secretary for calendar year 2026, with all members present voting in favor. Gens abstained. Young was not present for this item and did not vote.

### **7. Appointment of Committee Chairs**

Chair Whyte noted that committee chairs are appointed annually by the Chair of the Council. Chair Whyte and Chair-elect Hansen worked together on the committee chair appointments for calendar year 2026.

Feulner will continue serving as Chair of the Landscaping Committee, and Spiering will continue serving as Chair of the Interior Design Committee. Hansen and Porter have served as co-chairs of the First Family Circle Committee; Porter will be contacted regarding continued service in that role. Hansen will no longer serve as a committee chair due to their election as Council Chair. Hansen will work to identify replacements for the First Family Circle and Restoration Committees, with appointments to be announced at a future meeting.

### **8. Committee Chair Updates**

- First Family Circle and Restoration: No updates.
- Landscaping: Feulner provided an update on the Landscaping Committee. The committee met to discuss general landscape concerns at the Residence and identified several areas for potential improvement. It was

noted that there is currently no dedicated landscape budget, and any future work would need to be supported through donations or other funding sources. The committee also discussed revisiting the previously developed master plan, which was not formally adopted, to identify potential near-term opportunities. The committee will continue reviewing the plan, explore funding options, and develop recommendations to bring back to the Council at a future meeting.

- Interior Design: No updates.

#### **9. Residence Manager Report**

Residence Director Jill Winzenburg provided an update on the Residence, including coordination with the Landscaping Committee and exploration of virtual tour opportunities.

#### **10. Other Business Updates**

Continued discussion occurred regarding virtual tour opportunities at the Residence. The Council discussed the potential formation of a committee or ad hoc group to support planning efforts.

#### **11. Adjourn**

At approximately 10:45 AM, Chair Whyte declared the meeting adjourned.