

Meeting Minutes: Prescription Drug Affordability Advisory Council

Date: 2/12/2026

Minutes prepared by: Joe Sellwood

Location: Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St. Paul MN 55101

Vice Chair Ney called the meeting to order at 1:07PM. Recording was initiated.

Attendance

Vice Chair Ney called the roll.

Members present:

Josh Ney (in-person)
Joe Sellwood (in-person)
Anna Christensen (in-person)
Joel Farley (online)
Buck Humphrey (online)
Eric Tichy (online)
Galen Benshoof (online)
Amy McNally (online)
Stefan Gildemeister (online)
Jessica Intermill (online)

Members not present:

Rae Blaylark
Gary Wertish
Heather Anderson
Hannah Thompson (online)
Kevin Brown (online)
Dirk Killelea (online)
Robert Miller (in-person)

A quorum is present.

Adoption of the Agenda

Member Sellwood moved adoption of the February 12, 2026 PDAAC Regular Meeting Agenda.
Seconded by Member McNally.

Members voting yes:

Josh Ney (in-person)
Joe Sellwood (in-person)
Anna Christensen (in-person)
Joel Farley (online)

Buck Humphrey (online)
Eric Tichy (online)
Galen Benshoof (online)
Amy McNally (online)
Stefan Gildemeister (online)

Members not voting:

Jessica Intermill
Rae Blaylark
Gary Wertish
Heather Anderson
Hannah Thompson
Kevin Brown
Dirk Killelea
Robert Miller

The motion was voted on and approved 9-0.

Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Member Sellwood moved approval of the October 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Seconded by Member Tichy.

Members voting yes:

Josh Ney (in-person)
Joe Sellwood (in-person)
Anna Christensen (in-person)
Joel Farley (online)
Buck Humphrey (online)
Eric Tichy (online)
Galen Benshoof (online)
Amy McNally (online)
Stefan Gildemeister (online)

Members not voting:

Jessica Intermill
Rae Blaylark
Gary Wertish
Heather Anderson
Hannah Thompson
Kevin Brown
Dirk Killelea
Robert Miller

The motion was voted on and approved 9-0.

Report from Interim Chair, Jessica Intermill

- Vice Chair Ney shares the legislation (conceptual)
- New member, Anna Christensen, representing pharmacology, now on the PDAAC
- The PDAAC has 6 open seats, health plans need representation

Report from the PDAB Executive Director, Vernon Rowen

- PDAB has put in place conflict of interest policies
- Now beginning to look at crafting lists of drugs, list of drugs currently at 1200 drugs (paired down with the additional criteria in 62J.90 Subd. 2)
- Holding listening sessions, to hear from the public
- Starting to design the review process for affordability reviews
- PDAAC will share a roster of members with ED Rowen
- Over the next few months, the PDAB will hear from Medical Alley and PhRMA; the PDAB will hear from a consumer group; in May, the PDAB might hear from Express Scripts, possibly Prime Therapeutics; the PDAB will hear from health plans in June

Report from the Bylaws Task Force, Vice Chair Ney

- Vice Chair Ney shares the redlined version of the provisional bylaws, provides overview explanation of the changes.
- Member McNally makes a motion to adopt the bylaws, Chair Intermill seconds the motion.

Members voting yes:

Josh Ney (in-person)
Joe Sellwood (in-person)
Anna Christensen (in-person)
Joel Farley (online)
Buck Humphrey (online)
Eric Tichy (online)
Galen Benshoof (online)
Amy McNally (online)
Stefan Gildemeister (online)
Jessica Intermill (online)

Members not voting:

Rae Blaylark
Gary Wertish
Heather Anderson
Hannah Thompson
Kevin Brown
Dirk Killelea
Robert Miller

The motion is voted on and approved 10-0.

Report from Conflicts of Interest Ad Hoc, Dr. Amy McNally

- Member McNally explains the draft policy, emphasizes the disclose-and-participate part of the policy
- The PDAAC will vote on whether to adopt the conflict of interest policy at the May 5, 2026 meeting

Open Discussion

- Member Humphrey notes that there has been little-to-no direction from the PDAB on how the PDAAC will be advising the PDAB on reviews

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjournment

- Vice Chair Ney adjourned the meeting at 2:15PM