

Meeting Minutes: Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Date: 8/10/2026

Minutes Prepared by: Vernon Rowen

Location: Frogtown Room, The Wilder Center, 451 Lexington Pkwy N.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Note: August 10, 2026, meeting agenda and presented materials are available on the [PDAB webpage](#).

Attendance

Members present:

1. Craig Acomb (online)
2. Matt Anderson
3. Erica Barnes
4. Anthony Lourey (online)
5. Stephen Schondelmeyer
6. Matt Toburen – Vice Chair

Attorney General's Office, Minnesota Management and Budget, and PDAB staff present:

1. James Canaday (AGO)
2. Vernon Rowen (PDAB)
3. Stacy Sjogren (MMB)
4. Cam Smither (MMB)

Agenda Items

The Minnesota Prescription Drug Affordability Board (Board) convened Monday, August 10, 2026. Vice Chair Toburen called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and announced a quorum was present.

1. Welcome

2. Approve meeting agenda

The agenda for the meeting was approved unanimously with no amendments.

3. Review, Discuss, and Approve Draft PDAB Governance Policy Quadrants

Stacy Sjogren from MMB provided a review of the Board's efforts to date to create Governance Policies as well as general principles and purpose of establishing a governance framework for organizations.

Erica Barnes and Matt Anderson led a review of the PDAB's four Draft Governance Policy Quadrants including: Board-Executive Director Delegation Policies; Governance Process Policies; Executive Director Limitations Policies; and End Results Policies.

After review and discussion, a motion was offered and seconded to approve the Board-Executive Director Delegation Policies, without amendments. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

After review and discussion, a motion was offered and seconded to approve the Governance Policy Policies with one amendment – substituting the term “Drug Cost Review” for the term “Drug Review” throughout the quadrant. The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

After review and discussion, a motion was offered and seconded to approve the End Results Policies, without amendment. The motion passed on a 5-1 vote.

After review and discussion, a motion was offered and seconded to approve the Executive Director Limitations Policies with one amendment – the language under the section titled “Treatment of External Organizations and Agencies” stating “...shall not seek to understand or Identify...” is modified to “...shall not operate without understanding...” The motion passed on a 6-0 vote.

Adjournment

The Board moved to adjourn the meeting. All members voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.