

**SAINT CLOUD AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION POLICY BOARD
Thursday, December 11, 2025 – 4:30 PM**

A meeting of the Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Policy Board was held on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 4:33 p.m. Chair Jared Gapinski presided with the following members present:

Jake Anderson	City of Saint Cloud
Tammy Calhoun	City of Saint Cloud [Alternate for Scott Brodeen]
Mike Conway	City of Saint Cloud
Dottie Seamans	City of Sauk Rapids
Kevin Kluesner	City of Saint Joseph [Alternate for Adam Scepaniak]
Ken Schmitt	City of Waite Park [Alternate for Frank Theisen]
Joe Perske	Stearns County
Gary Gray	Sherburne County [Alternate for Raeanne Danielowski]
Jeff Westerlund	Le Sauk Township
Ryan Daniel	Metro Bus

Also in attendance were:

Brian Gibson	Saint Cloud APO
Vicki Johnson	Saint Cloud APO
Alex McKenzie	Saint Cloud APO
Trina Ness	Saint Cloud APO
Dan Weber	Sherburne County Assistant Administrator
Monte Headley	Benton County Administrator
Tarryl Clark	Stearns County Commissioner

Via TEAMS:

Megan Knight	Larkin Hoffman
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Absent:

Tim Elness	City of Sartell
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1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. INTRODUCTIONS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Conway motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No members of the public were present.

5. CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Approve Minutes of November 13, 2025, Policy Board Meeting
- b. Approve November Bills List
- c. Approve Changes to Personnel Policies to Comport with Minnesota Paid Leave

Ms. Seamans motioned to approve the consent agenda items. Mr. Conway seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. CONSIDER CHANGING LOBBYIST

In 2001 David Turch & Associates was hired as the APO's lobbyist. The most recent contract we have on file states that the contract will take effect on the 1st day of January, 2001, and shall continue in full force until its expiration on the 31st day of December, 2001, unless previously modified, amended, or cancelled by the written mutual consent of the parties, or unless extended under its provisions. It states that the contract can be renewed up to three times for a period of one additional year each time. Thereafter, the contract cannot be renewed. The agreement may be terminated by either party in writing, delivered to the other. Such cancellation shall take effect as of the end of the last calendar day of the month following the month in which such notification was received. The original contract was for \$36,000 (2001) and we currently pay \$48,000.

St. Cloud Area Planning Organization has received an offer from Larkin Hoffman for lobbying services in Washington D.C. at the same rate of \$48,000.

Ms. Knight, with Larkin Hoffman, introduced herself and gave a brief history of her career and the companies she's worked for. She spoke of how she can assist the APO with potential federal funding. After much discussion the Policy Board and jurisdiction administrators were in favor of ending services with David Turch & Associates.

Ms. Seamans motioned to approve a contract with Larkin Hoffman for 2026 starting January 1st, 2026. Mr. Westerlund seconded the motion. Motion carried.

7. CONSIDER REGIONALIZING LOBBYIST EFFORTS

It was decided that each jurisdiction must discuss the possibility of regionalizing lobbyist efforts with their board and possibly pursue this effort in FY 2027.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business presented at the meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gapinski adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.