

SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 14, 2025 | 6:30pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center (in-person)

Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- April 2025 Agenda (this document)
- March 2025 Minutes
- SENA 990
- SENA AG Annual Report
- SENA March Management Report
- SENA Tax Workbook

Attendance

BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 5)

Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cheryllyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait, Josh Adrian, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Present: Bonnie Smith, Brynn Kasper, Carol Dungan (Vice President), Cheryllyne Vaz (President), David Thebus, Frederick Desjarlait, Josh Adrian, Madelyn Sundberg (Secretary), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Tina Lahti

Absent, excused:

Absent, unexcused:

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Anne Kegley, Aurin Chowdhury (City Councilmember), Umanzor Diaz, Hendri Carpio, Jose Gomez, Roxanne Stuhr

6:30 Call to Order & Roll Call (5 min)

6:35 Approval of consent agenda items (5 min) - [Board Motion #1](#)

- April 2025 Agenda (this document)
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6:40 Operations and Financials (20 min)

- Shelia - Financial Documents - [Board Motion #2](#)
 - SENA 990
 - SENA AG Annual Report
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- Amanda Nicklaus - updates on work
 - Event mailer is getting sent out this week
 - Socials posted for spring events
 - Working on garage sale ad for newspaper
- Ash is interested in joining the board LGBTQ+ representation and renters - [Board Motion #3](#)

7:05 **Guests and Elected Officials** (60 min)

- 30 min - Hendri Carpio (CPS) and Inspector Gomez
 - Jose Gomez in 3rd precinct inspector (largest precinct in city)
 - Hendri Carpio Crime Prevention Specialist covers 6 neighborhoods including Standish (Jennifer covers Ericsson), can do a free walkthrough of a house or business
 - How many officers in 3rd precinct? Patrol Officers roughly 60 in the precinct was at 120 so at half staff right now, there are 4 sectors with 2 officers per sector and a precinct wide car at all times, plus a M-F day officer, supplementing with overtime for Lake Street, Franklin Ave, and Little Earth, do have a limit on the overtime to keep officers mental health okay
 - Need to get 772 officers for the city but used to have 880 officers, so it would be closer
 - Do coordinate with metro transit and private security around specific locations
 - Still housed in city of lakes building downtown, moving in 2026 to the Minnehaha property that is being designed by Wold Architects, will also house Southside Community Center services
 - The number one thing to do to help with crime is relay information to MPD, report of property damage will be a low priority but should still report online and video really helps
 - Starting a block text thread or something like that to keep a conversation going about anything you are seeing
 - Some neighborhoods have walking groups that do patrols
 - Neighbors feel like businesses are being prioritized over residential properties
 - MPD is switching to encrypted radios
 - The officers sitting outside of businesses are off duty, which isn't controlled by MPD
 - The real shortage is getting applicants to apply to open officer positions, not funding
 - Could there be an expansion of crime prevention specialists to do things like reporting but that has difficulties funding, maybe could do it with community specialists like is done in the suburbs
 - Invite officers to community events and they will try to come
 - Can there be home security books supplied for free at hardware stores?
 - Would also like to see narcan trainings freely available more
 - Residential block leaders are private list but we can advocate to get access
 - Touch Outreach and Mad Dads are our areas violent interrupter groups
 - The car thefts might feel extreme but we are at 27 a week versus 99 a week in 2023
 - Victim impact statements help a lot in sentencing

- Juvenile youth curfew program sends people to talk to parents on the weekend nights to see if the child is home
- 20 min - City Councilmember Aurin Chowdhury (if available)
 - City has increased civilian investigators with a budget amendment for 5 roles
 - Reach out to the Mayor also if you want more investigators and copy Aurin
 - Violence prevention and violence interrupters groups have been looking at metrics to see if they are successful

6:45 Committee Updates (15 min)

- Exec Committee
 - League of Women Voters candidate forum co-sponsorship - waiting to hear back from LWV
- Community Engagement Committee
 - April 26th earth day clean up on 42nd St
 - May 10th garden tool swap
- Communications Committee
 - Monthly newsletter and notice for this meeting went out
 - Added visual impairment graphic descriptions
 - Want to look into printed version of large font newsletter for Standish Greene
- Housing & Community Development Committee: Housing, Transportation, Business, and Infrastructure
 - Lake Hiawatha Park playground - revisions include the addition of a community message board, additional bike parking between the pool & play areas, and more hollow log features at the nature play area. Unfortunately, we were not able to include parent/child swings due to the type of existing swing support structure not being compatible with those types of swings, color of the slides? cost of the swings?
 - Traffic on 28th - determined that it is Mpls Public Works is responsible and advocating for its addition
 - 46th station entrance postings about closing entrance and talked to Metro Transit about it - communications team can disperse the survey
 - 4552 Nokomis development has asked for comments and waiting on drawings
- Website Working Group
 - Amanda - First phase of web site roll out in progress, roll out next month

8:30 Adjourn

Board Actions & Decisions:

1. Motion to approve consent items:
 - a. April 2025 Agenda
 - b. March 2025 Minutes

Forwarded: Shelia
Second: Brynn
Passed: **YES**

2. Motion to approve and submit the financial documents: Form 990, AG Annual Report, March Financials.

Forwarded: Shelia
Second: Brynn
Passed: **YES**

3. Motion to have Ash Tifa join the board.

Forwarded: Carol
Second: Bonnie
Passed: **YES**