

## SENA Board of Directors Public Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 10, 2025 | 7:00pm | Lake Hiawatha Rec Center

### Attachments [LINK TO FOLDER](#)

- November 2025 Agenda (this document)
- October 2025 Minutes
- SENA October Management Report

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### Attendance

#### BOARD MEMBERS (Quorum = 6)

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

**Present:** Brynn Kasper (President), Ash Tifa (Vice President), Sheila Cracraft Fehler (Treasurer), Josh Adrian (Secretary), Carol Dungan, David Thebus, Lia Thibault, Madelyn Sundberg, Tina Lahti

**Absent, excused:** Frederick Desjarlait, Bonnie Smith

**Absent, unexcused:**

STAFF: Amanda Nicklaus

COMMUNITY MEMBERS: Emily Jones (Roosevelt Library), Paul, Katie & Riley, Charlie

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**7:00 Call to Order & Roll Call (5 min)**

**7:05 Approval of consent agenda items (5 min) - [Board Motion #1](#)**

- November 2025 Agenda (this document)
- October 2025 Minutes
- October 2025 Financials

**7:10 Announcements, Guests, and Elected Officials (35 min)**

- 15 min total - Community members & guests
  - Emily Jones - Roosevelt Library - Opportunities to Collaborate, possibility of sharing printed newsletter, maybe winter warmer tabling
  - Paul - interested in joining the board - [Board Motion #2](#)
  - Charlie - facade grant application, Shelia will send joint email to city

**7:30 Committee Updates (25 min)**

- Exec Committee
  - Snow Removal Grants - community sign up for assistance and list of volunteers, would be hiring a coordinator for the volunteer organization and recruitment, stipend for volunteers

- of \$20 per snow event, purchase shovels and ice choppers, warm clothes, increase insurance for shovelers, will vote if application is accepted
  - New regular Exec meeting time - last Monday of the month at 6:30pm
- Fundraising Committee
  - Give to the Max Day - goal of \$5,000 and state prior items we've funded
- Community Engagement Committee
  - Monarca Upstander Training - Carol - table to December meeting
    - <https://monarcamn.org/>
  - 2026 Budget - Shelia will email
  - Any takeaways from Halloween event - balloon artist was a hit, 80 attendees, Overland worked well as a location, smaller little kid prizes, face paint next year
  - Any takeaways from Fall Cleanup - small volunteer group, new people, need to follow up on who paid for the median plantings and is doing upkeep
  - Did not table at 2nd LWV event
  - Shop SENA/Photoshoot Nov 29th to Dec 6th, photoshoot at Ferris, toy drive?, half the spots are filled
  - Board Retreat - stay tuned, could it be part of the board meeting in December
  - Meeting on Tuesday the 18th at 1pm - calendar and budget
- Development Committee
  - Request for support of variance to addition to Roosevelt High, email board the letter of recommendation

#### **8:10 Operations and Financials (10 min)**

- Budget Approval Process - Sheila
  - Amanda updates on storage unit options - table to December
  - RFP on website work - send to Paul and Bonnie
  - Motion to purchase a color laser printer, laptop, ink, paper, and cardstock for price not to exceed \$2000 - **Board Motion #3**
  - People clicker, etc.
  - Could advertise the next years events in the newspaper
  - Postage and thank you cards
  - Could do a magnet of calendar
  - Engagement materials like tripod or white boards
  - Additional tablecloths
  - SENA windowshade banner and stand
  - Amanda can work extra hours until end of the year
  - SENA branded tents
  - New garage sale signs, event signs
  - Could do SENA neighborhood pride signs - send info to Paul
  - Utility box wraps, \$700 each, look at existing designs in system
- Madelyn

- Online vote passed on October 28, 2025: Motion to approve the following documents, and allow for Sheila to submit to the city:
  - Draft\_SENA 2026 Equitable Engagement Plan
  - Draft\_Question 2 for Neighborhood Funding
  - Draft\_Question 3 for Neighborhood Funding
  - 2026 Budget

**8:20 Additional Discussions/Recap (10 min)**

- MFE (Minneapolis Federation of Educators Local 59) Support Sign on Letter - table to December/email
- AI Usage - Where does the board stand on this - table to December

**8:30 Adjourn**

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**Board Actions & Decisions:**

1. Motion to approve consent items:
  - a. November 2025 Agenda (this document)
  - b. October 2025 Minutes
  - c. October 2025 Financials

Forwarded: Brynn  
Second: Shelia  
Passed: **YES**
2. Motion to seat Paul Jones on the SENA board.

Forwarded: Brynn  
Second: Lia  
Passed: **YES**
3. Motion to purchase a color laser printer, laptop, ink, paper, and cardstock for price not to exceed \$2000.

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

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If Zoom meeting:

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040454475?pwd=R3JoZHIwRWNXSithSFNPM0pYZ2VsQT09>

NEW - old link (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86040454475>) will require passcode to enter the meeting

passcode is: SENA