

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security

Date: January 7, 2026

Time: 2:17pm – 3:35 pm

Location: Minnesota Senate Building

Chairperson: Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan

Committee Members:

- Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan (attended in person)
- Chief Justice Natalie Hudson (attended in person)
- Representative Jim Nash (attended in person)
- Representative Kelly Moller (attended in person)
- Senator Bonnie Westlin (attended in person)
- Senator Warren Limmer (attended in person)

Advisors Present

- Brian Pease, Historic Site Manager, MN Historical Society
- Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Executive Secretary, Capital Area Architectural Planning Board
- Kari Suchy, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administration
- David Kelliher, Director of Public Policy, MN Historical Society
- Tamar Gronvall, Commissioner, Department of Administration
- Sven Lindquist, Chief Sergeant at Arms, MN Senate (attended virtually)
- Lori Hodapp, Chief Sergeant at Arms, MN House of Representatives
- Jeremy Geiger, Lieutenant Colonel, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Eric Roeske, Captain, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Jennifer Super, Emergency Manager, MN Judicial Branch
- Andy Landon, Target Corporation

Call to Order

Chair Flanagan called the meeting to order at 2:17 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Flanagan called for a motion to approve the November 21, 2025 ACCAS meeting minutes. Chief Justice Hudson moved to approve the minutes from November 21, 2025. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Update from the Department of Public Safety

Chair Flanagan invited Lieutenant Col. Geiger to present updates from the Department of Public Safety. Staffing updates were discussed, as well as training updates for the Capitol Complex. Additionally, trainings on lockdowns, threat reporting procedure, and other emergency protocol trainings have been provided to state employees who work in the Capitol Complex.

Update from Senate and House Sergeant-at-Arms

Chair Flanagan invited the Senate and House Sergeant-at-Arms to provide updates. House Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Lori Hodapp updated on increased security protocols for Representatives and staff, as well as technology updates. Discussions have been ongoing with various stakeholders. Discussion followed.

ACCAS Report

Chair Flanagan invited the Department of Administration to present the draft ACCAS report. Division Director Kari Suchy and Lieutenant Col. Geiger presented the report. Topics include general Capitol Complex security, recent improvements in security, and recommendations from the committee. Committee members asked questions and discussion followed.

Minnesota State Capitol Complex Security

Chair Flanagan invited the Axtell Group to present the public executive summary of the Minnesota Capitol Complex Security Assessment series. Todd Axtell discussed the publicly available data regarding the assessment of the State Capitol, Minnesota Senate Building, Centennial Office Building, and Minnesota Judicial Center. Areas of focus were discussed as well as recommendations. Committee members asked questions and discussion followed.

Public Comment

Maggiy Emery provided public comment. Daniel Lightfoot provided public comment. Rick Heller provided public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 pm. There was not a closed session.