

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 12:35pm - 2:35pm

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 Kelly Moller (attended in person)
- Representative Jim Nash (attended in person)
- Senator Warren Limmer (attended in person)
- Senator Bonnie Westlin (attended in person)

Advisors Present:

- Brian Pease, Historic Site Manager, MN Historical Society
- David Kelliher, Director of Public Policy, Mn Historical Society
- Erik Cedarleaf Dahl, Executive Secretary, Capitol Area Architectural Planning Board
- Kari Suchy, Director, Facilities Management Division, Department of Administration
- Tamar Gronvall, Commissioner, Department of Administration
- Sven Lindquist, Chief Sergeant at Arms, MN Senate
- Keith Boser, Deputy Chief Sergeant at Arms, MN House of Representatives
- Bob Jacobson, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Jeremy Geiger, Lt. Colonel, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Jason Printz, Captain, University of Minnesota Police Department
- Eric Roeske, Captain, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Joe Dwyer, Major, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Jen Super, Emergency Manager, MN Judicial Branch
- Andy Landon, Target Corporation

Call to Order

Chair Flanagan called the meeting to order at 12:35pm.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Flanagan called for a motion to approve the September 22, 2025, ACCAS meeting minutes. Representative Nash moved to approve the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

The Axtell Group, LLC Capitol Security Assessment Update

Chair Flanagan introduced Todd Axtell and John Kirkwood from the Axtell Group, which is conducting a comprehensive security assessment of four buildings on the Capitol Complex. They

provided an update on the four facility-specific reports and noted that a fifth, public facing report consolidating key recommendations will follow. The group reported on what methods are being employed in the assessment. The committee was informed that the Capitol Building phase of the project has nearly been completed, which will be followed by the Senate Building, Centennial Office Building, and the Judicial Center. Committee members asked questions and discussion followed.

Update from Department of Public Safety

Chair Flanagan invited Lt. Col. Geiger to provide an update from the Department of Public Safety. They shared information regarding staffing changes and personnel. Other topics included security upgrades and collaboration with other states. Captain Roeske covered ongoing issues, trainings, planning, and emergency drills across the Capitol Complex. Committee members asked questions and discussion followed.

Update from Senate and House Sergeant-at-Arms

Chair Flanagan invited the Sergeants-at-Arms from the Minnesota Senate and House of Representatives to provide updates. Sven Lindquist, Chief Sergeant-at-Arms for the Senate, and Keith Boser, Deputy Chief Sergeant-at-Arms for the House, shared information regarding staffing, listening sessions, key-card upgrades, and physical security initiatives. Chair Flanagan called for questions; none were raised.

National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Capitol Security: Policies and Practices

Emily Ronco, Policy Specialist at NCSL, presented virtually on Capitol security policies and practices. Topics included decorum, screening processes, firearm storage, and Capitol complexes. Chair Flanagan called for questions by topic, and discussion followed.

Public Comment

Rick Heller provided a public comment. No additional comments were made.

Questions

Representative Nash requested time for additional questions. Chair Flanagan agreed, and discussion followed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35pm.