

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title: Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security

Date: January 13, 2026

Time: 2:04 pm – 3:52 pm

Location: Minnesota State Capitol 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
- Lori Hodapp, Chief Sergeant at Arms, MN House of Representatives
- Bob Jacobson, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety
- Jeremy Geiger, Lieutenant Colonel, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Joe Dwyer, Major, MN State Patrol, Department of Public Safety
- Christina Bogojevich, Colonel, 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 2:04 pm. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Flanagan called for a motion to approve the January 7, 2026, ACCAS meeting minutes. Senator Westlin moved to approve the minutes from January 7, 2026. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Update from the Department of Public Safety

Lt. Col. Geiger provided brief updates regarding DPS. No questions were asked.

Update from Senate and House Sergeant-at-Arms

Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Sven Lindquist provided updates on Minnesota Senate Building security, staffing, and reporting protocols. No questions were asked.

Closed Session

At approximately 2:10 pm, Chair Flanagan stated the session would be closed under Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 3(d), to discuss sensitive security details related to the State Capitol, House and Senate Chambers, and other specific security services.

Reconvening

Chair Flanagan reopened the meeting to the public at approximately 3:04pm.

Minnesota State Capitol Complex Security Assessment

Chair Flanagan invited committee members to vote on provisions outlined in the Public Executive Summary provided by the Axtell Group. Questions were asked and discussion followed.

5.1.1 Access Control Screening and Visitor Management

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.1 from the executive summary in the ACCAS report. Senator Westlin seconded the motion and requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy

HUDSON, Natalie

MOLLER, Kelly

WESTLIN, Bonnie

NAYS

LIMMER, Warren

NASH, Jim

On a vote of 4 Ayes to 2 Nays, the motion prevailed.

5.1.2 Authorized Access Control and Credential Oversight

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.2 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report. Representative Moller seconded the motion. Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy
HUDSON, Natalie
LIMMER, Warren
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.3 Internal Circulation and Zoning Controls

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.3 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report, Representative Nash seconded the motion, and Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy
HUDSON, Natalie
LIMMER, Warren
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.4 Perimeter and Exterior Grounds

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.4 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report, Representative Nash seconded the motion, and Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy
HUDSON, Natalie
LIMMER, Warren
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim

WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.5 Staffing Models, Post Orders, and Operational Readiness

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.5 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report, Representative Nash Seconded the motion, and Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote.

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy

HUDSON, Natalie

LIMMER, Warren

MOLLER, Kelly

NASH, Jim

WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.6 Technology and System Integration

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.5 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report, Senator Westlin seconded the motion and requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy

HUDSON, Natalie

LIMMER, Warren

MOLLER, Kelly

NASH, Jim

WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.7 Emergency Preparedness

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.7 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report, Senator Limmer seconded the motion, and Senator Westlin requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy

HUDSON, Natalie

LIMMER, Warren

MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

5.1.8 Protective Intelligence

Chair Flanagan moved to include 5.1.8 from the executive summary in the final ACCAS report. Senator Westlin seconded the motion and requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy
HUDSON, Natalie
LIMMER, Warren
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

ACCAS Report

Chair Flanagan invited the Department of Administration and Department of Public Safety to go through the updated ACCAS report with the included suggestions from the Public Executive Summary of the Axtell 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.

Chair Flanagan moved that the Department of Administration and Department of Public Safety finalize the ACCAS report, including the recommendations made by the committee, and fulfill the committee's statutory requirement by submitting it to the legislature, the judicial branch, and the Governor by January 15, 2026. Senator Westlin seconded the motion and requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES

FLANAGAN, Peggy
HUDSON, Natalie
LIMMER, Warren
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
WESTLIN, Bonnie

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 0 Nays, the motion prevailed

Public Comment

Lexi Anderson provided public comment. Rick Heller provided public comment. No further public comment was provided.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:52 pm