

Security Services Task Force—Meeting 1 Notes

Meeting details

Date: September 3, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Veterans Services Building, 20 12th St W, St. Paul, MN 55155, 5th Floor Conference Room

Meeting outcomes

By the end of the meeting, task force members will:

- Have a shared understanding of the task force charge.
- Begin building task force operating systems.
- Learn more about the Legislative Services Unit.

Members present

Name	Title	Affiliation
1. Bonnie Westlin	Senator	Minnesota Senate
2. Andrew Lange	Senator	Minnesota Senate
3. Jeff Witte	Representative	Minnesota House of Representatives
4. Julie Greene	Representative	Minnesota House of Representatives
5. Bob Jacobson	Commissioner of Public Safety	Department of Public Safety
6. Michelle Frascone	Special Agent in Charge	Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Minnesota Fusion Center
7. Christina Bogojevic	Colonel	State Patrol
8. Adam Flynn	Captain	Capitol Security
9. Dawn Torgerson	Deputy State Court Administrator	Supreme Court
10. John Harrington	Former Commissioner of Public Safety	Constitutional Officers (Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Auditor)
11. Lon Thiele	Sheriff and Association President	Minnesota Sheriffs' Association

Name	Title	Affiliation
12. Mitch Johnsrud	Chief of Police, Starbuck Police Department	Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
13. Sven Lindquist	Chief Sergeant-at-Arms	Minnesota Senate
14. Lori Hodapp	Chief Sergeant-at-Arms	Minnesota House of Representatives

Agenda items and notes

1. Welcome and introductions

- Commissioner Bob Jacobson welcomed the task force members and called the meeting to order.
- Facilitator Nick Kor introduced Management Analysis and Development (MAD).
- Task force members introduced themselves, which served as roll call.

2. Task force overview

- The facilitator reviewed the [task force charge and duties](#) and proposed meeting schedule (see p. 3).

3. Election of task force chair

- The facilitator explained the chair and vice chair duties and requirements, as well as the election process.
- Senator Bonnie Westlin was nominated as chair and Representative Jeff Witte was nominated as vice chair. Task force members approved both members as chair and vice chair.

4. Task force team charter discussion

- Task force members reviewed the draft team charter, which lays the foundation for the task force's duties and how members will work together. The team charter also sets expectations, procedures, and agreements for operating practices, membership roles, and decision-making.
- Task force members approved and adopted the team charter.

5. Legislative Services Unit overview and discussion

- Colonel Bogojevic of the Minnesota State Patrol delivered a presentation on the Legislative Services Unit (LSU).
- Task members discussed information sharing and that legislators should follow up with their respective sergeant-at-arms to close the loop on information.
- Task force members said that public officials should always build a relationship with their local LE department.
- Some task force members raised the concern that constitutional officers and the judiciary weren't in the LSU protocol and should be incorporated into the task force's team charter.

- MAD agreed to add references to constitutional offices and the judiciary into the team charter.
- The LSU is available to share information with local LE departments, including who their legislators are, how to respond to threats, and what procedures to follow to notify police chiefs.
- Sergeants-at-Arms Hodapp and Linquist emphasized that there needs to be better collaboration with legislators, who may not know about threats that another legislator is receiving.
- Relationships with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and local LE are important. The Minnesota Fusion Center has relationships with the FBI, Capitol Security, the Department of Homeland Security (for intelligence), and local LE.

6. Preparation for next task force meeting and next steps

- For upcoming meetings, other task force members will be asked to present on the assigned topics or on what their organization is working on.
- The task force members expressed interest in seeing an example of the type of report(s) that the State Patrol receives. There may also be an opportunity to tour the Minnesota Fusion Center.
- The task force was informed it can conduct some of its business in a closed meeting, if necessary.
- The task force was made aware of the [public version of Axtell report](#), which may be of interest to members.

7. Adjourn

- The task force adjourned without further comments.

Proposed task force meeting schedule

Meeting	Topic(s)
Meeting 1 (9/3/26)	• Task force overview, team charter, elect chair(s)
Meeting 2 (10/1/26)	• Security for House, Senate, legislative proceedings, events, individual members, constitutional officers, and judges • Security orientation and training for new members
Meeting 3 (11/12/26)	• Protocols for communication and coordination of security services • IT systems • Personal data privacy of members
Meeting 4 (12/3/26)	• National best practices
Meeting 5 (1/7/27)	• Other topics as necessary • Review and approve recommendations