



**MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYER  
LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION**

**Business Meeting Minutes – Thursday, February 13, 2025**

- I. Call Meeting to Order by President Jenn Worthington.
- II. Approval of February 15, 2024, meeting minutes – motion made to approve the minutes from the floor. A second was made. Motion carried.
- III. Treasurer’s Report motion made to approve the minutes from the floor. A second was made. Motion carried.
- IV. Future Conferences 2025 and 2026.
  - National PELRA Conference: June 22-26, 2025 Portland, Oregon
  - Minnesota PELRA Conference: August 6-8, 2025 Duluth, Minnesota
  - Minnesota PELRA Winter Conference: February 5, 2026 Plymouth, Minnesota
  - National PELRA Conference: April 19-22, 2026 Charlotte, North Carolina
  - Minnesota PELRA Conference: August 5-7, 2026 Rochester, Minnesota
- V. Adjourn.

**2024-2025 Board of Directors**

President	Jennifer Worthington –State of Minnesota DHS
First Vice President	Dana Makinen – City of Andover
Second Vice President	Holland Atkinson – Hennepin County
Director/Treasurer	Kimberly Therres – City of Crystal
Director/Secretary	Jamie Haefner – City of Richfield
Director	Sheri Chesness – Met Council
Director	Melanie Ault – Carver County & DDA-HR
Director	Dawn Pearson – MN ZOO
Director	Paula Graff – State of Minnesota DOC
Director	Alison Kelly - Metropolitan Airports
Director	Schawn Johnson – Wright County
Director/Past President	Kathy Megarry – Metropolitan Airports Commission
Director in Waiting	Rita Vorpahl – City of St. Louis Park
Director in Waiting	Ali Timpone – City of Plymouth

**Also Serving MPELRA**

*Board Appointed or Automatic by Bylaws*

General Counsel	Ben Reber – Wiley Reber Law Firm
LMC Representative	Joyce Hottinger – League of Minnesota Cities

**MPELRA MEMBERSHIP HISTORY**

1996 – 124	2007 – 169	2018 – 232
1997 – 138	2008 – 176	2019 – 206
1998 – 155	2009 – 176	2020 – 226
1999 – 160	2010 – 171	2021 – 173 (impacted by NPELRA website issues)
2000 – 149	2011 – 168	2022 – 176
2001 – 167	2012 – 207	2023 - 242
2002 – 149	2013 – 218	2024 - 261
2003 – 163	2014 – 205	
2004 – 159	2015 – 205	
2005 – 159	2016 – 216	
2006 – 171	2017 – 218	

**MPELRA & NPELRA AWARD RECIPIENTS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Excellence in Labor Relations Award</b>
2024	Todd Olness, Labor Relations Advocate Hennepin County
2021	Linda Hillenbrand, City of Rochester
2020	Nancy Deno, City of St. Louis Park Greg Failor, Metropolitan Airports Commission
2019	Tony Brown, State of Minnesota
2018	Dale Ignatius, Olmsted County
2017	Carolyn Trevis, State of Minnesota
2016	Kay McAloney, Human Resources Director City of Edina
2015	Jim Genellie, Assistant City Manager City of Hopkins
2014	Roxanne Chmielewski, Human Resources Director Sherburne County
2013	Becky Wodziak, Labor Relations Manager Ramsey County
2012 National PELRA	Kent Michaelson, Human Resources Director City of Bloomington

<b>Year</b>	<b>Excellence in Labor Relations Award, Cont.</b>
2012	Frank Madden, Attorney Madden Galanter Hansen, LLP
2011	Kent Michaelson, Human Resources Director City of Bloomington
2010	Jeanette Sobania, Human Resources Director City of Plymouth
2009	Bill Peters, Labor Relations Director Hennepin County
2008	Paul Larson, State Negotiator State of Minnesota
2004 National PELRA	Jeanette Sobania, Human Resources Director City of Plymouth
2003 National PELRA	Irene Koski, Human Resources Director Stearns County
1989 National PELRA	Rolland C. Toenges, Director of Labor Relations Hennepin County

<b>Year</b>	<b>Pacesetter Award</b>
2024	Mike Stockstead, Retired Mediator Bureau of Mediation Services Marty Munic, Retired Legal Counsel, Hennepin County
2022 National PELRA	Beth Belle Isle, Labor Relations Advocate Hennepin County
2020	Beth Belle Isle, Labor Relations Advocate Hennepin County
2014 National PELRA	Marcy Syman, Director of Human Resources Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit, St. Paul Sandi Blaeser, Labor Relations Representative Metropolitan Council/Metro Transit, St. Paul
2012 National PELRA	Roxanne Chmielewski, Human Resources Director Sherburne County Greg Wiley, General Counsel Sherburne County Sheriff's Office
2012	David Lindberg, Human Resources Director St. Francis ISD #15

2010

Bureau of Mediation Services

2009

Krista Amos, Director of Human Resources  
Blue Earth County and City of Mankato

2008 National PELRA

Kay McAloney, Director of Human Resources  
Washington County

2003 National PELRA

Melanie Ault, Director of Human Resources  
Anoka County

1993 National PELRA

Minnesota Department of Transportation