



**MINNESOTA PUBLIC EMPLOYER
LABOR RELATIONS ASSOCIATION**

Business Meeting Agenda – Thursday, February 5, 2026

- I. Call Meeting to Order.
- II. Approval of February 13, 2025, meeting minutes.
- III. Treasurer’s Report 2025.
- IV. Election of Offices 2026-2027
- V. Future Conferences through 2028.
 - National PELRA Conference: April 19-22, 2026 Charlotte, North Carolina
 - Minnesota PELRA Conference: August 5-7, 2026 Rochester, Minnesota
 - Minnesota PELRA Winter Conference: February 4, 2027 Plymouth, Minnesota
 - National PELRA Conference: April 11-23, 2027 Ft. Worth, Texas
 - Minnesota PELRA Conference: August 11-13, 2027 Breezy Point, Minnesota
 - Minnesota PELRA Winter Conference: February 3, 2028 Plymouth, Minnesota
 - National PELRA Conference: April 19-12, 2028 San Diego, CA
 - Minnesota PELRA Conference: August 2-4, 2028 Welch, Minnesota
- VI. Adjourn.

2026-2027 Board of Directors

President	Dana Makinen – City of Andover
First Vice President	Holland Atkinson – Hennepin County
Second Vice President	To be determined at our next annual meeting
Director/Treasurer	Kimberly Therres – City of Crystal
Director/Secretary	Jamie Haefner – City of Apple Valley
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 Commission
Director	Schawn Johnson – Wright County
Director/Past President	Jennifer Worthington –State of Minnesota DHS
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	2008 – 176	2020 – 226
1997 – 138	2009 – 176	2021 – 173 (impacted by NPELRA website issues)
1998 – 155	2010 – 171	2022 – 176
1999 – 160	2011 – 168	2023 - 242
2000 – 149	2012 – 207	2024 – 261
2001 – 167	2013 – 218	2025 – 254
2002 – 149	2014 – 205	2026 – 262 currently
2003 – 163	2015 – 205	
2004 – 159	2016 – 216	
2005 – 159	2017 – 218	
2006 – 171	2018 – 232	
2007 – 169	2019 – 206	

MPELRA & NPELRA AWARD RECIPIENTS

Year	Excellence in Labor Relations Award
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

Year	Excellence in Labor Relations Award, Cont.
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

Year	Pacesetter Award
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