

Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee

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JPTAC AGENDA
Monday, January 26, 2026

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Saint Paul Public Schools
360 Colborne, Saint Paul
Room 5A

1. Call the Meeting to Order – Board of Education Director, Halla Henderson, called the meeting to order at 8:55 a.m.

She noted that the acknowledgment of the level of violence and fear our community is facing and experiencing. She is grateful to be in the space to have conversations about impacts, but also how we continue to invest in each other to create the strongest infrastructure to support our neighbors and the community.

Members present were:

Halla Henderson
Carlo Franco
Stacie Stanley
Rebecca Noecker
Nick Stumo-Langer
Mai Chong Xiong
Rena Moran
Ling Becker

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Members absent included:

Cheniqua Johnson
Yusef Carrillo
Hwa Jeong Kim
Garrison McMurtrey

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2. Approve Agenda

MOTION: Director Henderson moved to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Councilmember Noecker. The agenda was approved by a vote of the attendees.

3. Approve Minutes from September 15, 2025

MOTION: Director Henderson motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2025. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Moran. The motion was approved by a vote of the attendees.

4. Updates by Jurisdiction

Director Henderson noted the recent events across the city and space for each jurisdiction to discuss those impacts, including both fiscal and human.

Members noted the County has embedded staff in the emergency operations center and is focusing on "continuity of business" while supporting staff mental health. Services are shifting to virtual and phone-

based services (leveraging systems built during COVID) to help residents who are afraid to leave their homes. The City Council is fast-tracking ordinances to ban federal agents from public parking lots and private spaces. New legislation is being introduced to ban masking for federal agents. The County clarified that the Sheriff's Office has no detainer policy and no agreements with ICE. Members of SPPS provided an update on the move for 7,000 students to a temporary virtual learning option in just 72 hours to provide a sense of safety. Due to USDA restrictions on delivery, the district partnered with Second Harvest to have staff deliver meal boxes to homes using rotating routes to protect family privacy. Signage is being installed on school properties and parking lots explicitly stating that ICE is not allowed on the grounds. The board is petitioning the Governor and Legislature to waive the "15-day drop" rule (which automatically unenrolls students who don't show up) and to allow districts more authority to pivot to e-learning during crises.

Leaders agreed to create a "one-stop shop" for information, linking city, county, and school district immigration resource pages. The school district's virtual learning hotline will now be supplied with county resource sheets to help families access WIC and other basic benefits. There is an ongoing effort to find "authentic" ways to support and thank faculty and staff who are managing the transition to virtual curriculum while dealing with personal trauma.

5. Review of Legislative Agendas by Jurisdiction
 - a. Ramsey County
 - b. City of Saint Paul
 - c. Saint Paul Public Schools

Presentations for each jurisdiction can be found in the meeting materials.

6. Discussion of JPTAC Coordination Framework

The meeting concluded with a commitment to formalize a Multi-Year Coordination Framework designed to bridge the operational gaps between Ramsey County, the City of Saint Paul, and Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS).

Members redefined the committee's work not as a one-time project, but as a long-term reorganization. The goal is to move from reactive crisis management to a proactive, integrated governance model. The framework will be housed under the county's new "Operational Excellence" priority, ensuring it is a core work-plan item for 2026–2027 rather than an "extra" initiative. Leaders emphasized that while "efficiency" is a goal, the work must be guided by shared values: trust, human-centered service, and support for labor partners to ensure that cost-cutting does not compromise the quality of service for Saint Paul families.

Key areas of coordination include:

- Physical Assets & Mapping: Leveraging the county's services to map all city, county, and school-owned land and buildings. This "ecosystem scan" will identify where facilities are approximate to one another to inform future decisions on shared spaces (e.g., using libraries for county service provision).
- Capital Improvement Plans (CIP): Synchronizing long-term building and infrastructure plans to identify overlaps before budgets are finalized.
- Joint Powers Agreements (JPA): A commitment to "right-size" 15- to 20-year-old agreements that may no longer be equitable or efficient in a post-pandemic environment.
- Collaborative Funding: Coordinating on grant applications (specifically for environmental and sustainability work) to add "weight" to proposals by showing multi-jurisdictional leverage.

To ensure the work moves forward, members of the committee will meet to create a mini work-plan that includes priorities, timeline, collaborative opportunities identified.

Action steps for the next meeting include a draft work plan and prioritized project list, value statement, and legislative messaging.

7. Future meeting dates include:
 - March 23rd, 2026
 - June 22, 2026
 - Discussion on September 2026 Date
8. Adjourn

MOTION: Director Henderson motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Director Franco. The motion passed by acclaim.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.