



MINNESOTA  
SPORTS FACILITIES  
AUTHORITY

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Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2026, 8:00 A.M.  
U.S. Bank Stadium – MSFA Office  
401 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 8:00 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich, Sharon Sayles Belton, William McCarthy.

Commissioner Laura Bishop participated remotely. Commissioner Tony Sertich was excused from the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – December 18, 2025, and December 23, 2025.**

Commissioner McCarthy moved, seconded by Commissioner Sayles Belton.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Aye
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Aye
Commissioner William McCarthy	Aye
Chair Michael Vekich	Aye

The minutes of the December 18, 2025, and December 23, 2025, board meetings were unanimously approved and adopted as presented. See, Exhibit A.

**4. BUSINESS**

**a. Action Items**

**i. Election of Officers**

Chair Vekich introduced the election of officers for 2026.

Chair Vekich noted there was one nomination for Vice Chair, Ms. Laura Bishop. Chair Vekich asked three times if there were any other nominations for Vice Chair. No other nominations were received, and a roll call vote was taken to approve Laura Bishop as Vice Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Board of Directors. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Aye
Commissioner William McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Aye
Chair Michael Vekich	Aye

The election of Laura Bishop as Vice Chair of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

Chair Vekich then noted there was one nomination for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Sharon Sayles Belton. Chair Vekich asked three times if there were any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. No other nominations were received, and a roll call vote was taken to approve Sharon Sayles Belton as Secretary/Treasurer of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Board of Directors. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Aye
Commissioner William McCarthy	Aye
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Aye
Chair Michael Vekich	Aye

The election of Sharon Sayles Belton as Secretary/Treasurer of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority Board of Directors was unanimously approved.

**b. Reports**

**i. U.S. Bank Stadium Updates**

**1. Legends Global Update**

Ms. Shannon Kelly, General Manager U.S. Bank Stadium, commented on recent events at the Stadium.

**2. Aramark Update**

Ms. Jenifer Freeman, Aramark District Manager, commented on the food and beverage program at the Stadium.

**3. Minnesota Vikings Update**

Mr. Lester Bagley, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs Minnesota Vikings, commented on recent events with the Minnesota Vikings.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**6. DISCUSSION**

Chair Vekich asked Mr. Amos Briggs, Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen, to provide a legislative update.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Vekich announced the next regular MSFA meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at U.S. Bank Stadium in the MSFA Board Room.

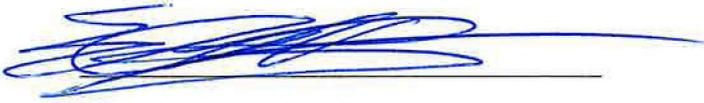
**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 A.M.

*Approved and adopted the 19th day of March 2026, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.*



Sharon Sayles Belton, Secretary/Treasurer



Ed Kroics, Executive Director



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**Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2025, 8:00 A.M.**  
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 8:00 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich, Sharon Sayles Belton, Tony Sertich.

Commissioners William McCarthy and Laura Bishop participated remotely.

**3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – November 20, 2025.**

Commissioner Sayles Belton moved, seconded by Commissioner Sertich.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Yea
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Yea
Commissioner William McCarthy	Yea
Commissioner Tony Sertich	Yea
Chair Michael Vekich	Yea

The minutes of the November 20, 2025, board meeting were unanimously approved and adopted as presented. See, Exhibit A.

**4. BUSINESS**

**a. Action Items**

**i. Approve 2026 MSFA Board Meeting Dates**

Chair Vekich discussed the proposed 2026 MSFA Board Meeting Dates. See, Exhibit B.

Commissioner Sertich moved, and Commissioner Sayles Belton seconded the motion to adopt the recommended motion.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Yea
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Yea
Commissioner William McCarthy	Yea
Commissioner Tony Sertich	Yea
Chair Michael Vekich	Yea

The following recommended motion was unanimously adopted:

*The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority adopts the 2026 Board meeting calendar.*

**b. Reports**

**i. U.S. Bank Stadium Updates**

**1. Legends Global Update**

Ms. Shannon Kelly, General Manager U.S. Bank Stadium, commented on recent events at the Stadium.

**2. Minnesota Vikings Update**

Mr. Lester Bagley, Executive Vice President – Public Affairs Minnesota Vikings, commented on recent events with the Minnesota Vikings.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**6. DISCUSSION**

Chair Vekich asked Mr. Amos Briggs, Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen, to provide a legislative update.

**7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Vekich announced the next regular MSFA meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at U.S. Bank Stadium in the MSFA Board Room.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 A.M.

*Approved and adopted the 15th day of January 2026, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.*

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Sharon Sayles Belton, Secretary/Treasurer

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Ed Kroics, Executive Director



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**MINNESOTA SPORTS FACILITIES AUTHORITY**  
**Special Meeting Minutes – December 23, 2025, 8:00 A.M.**  
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**401 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55415**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Vekich called the meeting of the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority (“MSFA” or “Authority”) to order at 8:13 A.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Chair Michael Vekich

Commissioners Sharon Sayles Belton, Laura Bishop, William McCarthy, and Tony Sertich participated remotely.

**3. BUSINESS**

**a. Action Items**

- i. Authorize Negotiations and Execute a Trade Contract Agreement for the Local Area Network (LAN)/Wide Area Network (WAN) System**

Chair Vekich introduced the project for the replacement and upgrade of the Local Area Network and Wide Area Network System. Mr. Ed Kroics, Executive Director, then discussed the Request for Proposal (RFP) and proposals which were received, noting that MS Benbow was recommended as the best value to the Authority. *See, Exhibit A.*

Commissioner McCarthy moved, and Commissioner Sayles Belton seconded the motion to adopt the recommended motion.

A roll call vote was conducted. The vote was as follows:

Commissioner Sharon Sayles Belton	Yea
Commissioner Laura Bishop	Yea
Commissioner William McCarthy	Yea
Commissioner Tony Sertich	Yea
Chair Michael Vekich	Yea

The following recommended motion was unanimously adopted:

*The Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority authorizes the Chair and Executive Director to finalize negotiations and execute a trade contract agreement with MS Benbow for the Local Area Network and Wide Area Network System for a total cost not to exceed \$5,200,000.*

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Chair Vekich announced the next MSFA meeting will be held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, at U.S. Bank Stadium in the MSFA Board Room.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the MSFA, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 A.M.

*Approved and adopted the 15th day of January 2026, by the Minnesota Sports Facilities Authority.*

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Sharon Sayles Belton, Secretary/Treasurer

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Ed Kroics, Executive Director