



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

Prior to Council Meeting

6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Sokup called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Davin Sokup, Vice Chair Chad Beumer, Board Member Erica Zweifel, Board Member Kathleen Holmes, Board Member Peter Dahlen, Board Member Jessica Peterson White and Board Member Brad Ness

Also present: Youth Representative Kay Swanson, Police Chief Jeff Schroepfer, Housing Coordinator Melissa Hanson, City Administrator Ben Martig and City Clerk Lynette Peterson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Vice Chair Beumer, seconded by Board Member Ness, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Sokup, Vice Chair Beumer, Board Member Zweifel, Board Member Holmes, Board Member Dahlen, Board Member Peterson White and Board Member Ness

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Board Member Holmes, seconded by Board Member Ness, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Sokup, Vice Chair Beumer, Board Member Zweifel, Board Member Holmes, Board Member Dahlen, Board Member Peterson White and Board Member Ness

1. [26-074](#) Consider Approval of December 4, 2025 Housing and Redevelopment Authority Closed Meeting Minutes.
2. [26-075](#) Consider Approval of January 13, 2026 Housing and Redevelopment Authority Special Meeting Minutes.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No reports.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. [HRA Res. 2026-001](#) Budget Amendment for Emergency Rental Assistance Partnership to Support Housing Stability.

Board Member Holmes recused herself from the discussion and vote on this item.

Housing Coordinator Melissa Hanson introduced the item and introduced Anika Rychner, Interim Executive Director for Community Action Center. Rychner presented on the need for emergency rental assistance in Northfield due to federal immigration enforcement activity. Rychner gave background on the impact on housing and the partnership proposal with the Housing and Redevelopment Authority for rental assistance.

Hanson and City Administrator Ben Martig added additional information on the item. Rychner and Hanson answered questions from the Board Members.

A motion was made by Board Member Zweifel, seconded by Board Member Peterson White, to approve HRA Resolution No. 2026-001 Authorizing a Budget Amendment for Emergency Rental Assistance Partnership to Support Housing Stability. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Sokup, Vice Chair Beumer, Board Member Zweifel, Board Member Dahlen, Board Member Peterson White and Board Member Ness

Recused: 1 - Board Member Holmes

STAFF UPDATES

4. [26-076](#) Staff Updates on Outstanding HRA Items

Housing Coordinator Melissa Hanson gave an update on outstanding HRA items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Board Member Ness, seconded by Vice Chair Beumer, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Sokup, Vice Chair Beumer, Board Member Zweifel, Board Member Holmes, Board Member Dahlen, Board Member Peterson White and Board Member Ness