



City of Northfield

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Meeting Minutes - Draft Environmental Quality Commission

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

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

Present: 4 - Commissioner Janet Petri, Commissioner Susannah Shmurak, Chair Rob Hanson and Commissioner Kimberly Haroldson

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Michael Provancha and Commissioner Simon Pryor

Also present: Erica Zweifel, Mayor; Ben Martig, City Administrator; Sara Pabich, Sustainability Coordinator; Matt Bailey, Meeting Associate; Alex Halverson, Youth Representative (voting)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Shmurak, seconded by Commissioner Petri, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Shmurak, Chair Hanson, Commissioner Haroldson, and Youth Representative Halverson

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Commissioner Petri, seconded by Commissioner Shmurak, to approve the consent agenda containing the May 20, 2026 EQC Meeting Minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Shmurak, Chair Hanson, Commissioner Haroldson, and Youth Representative Halverson

1. [26-315](#)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS

No board and commissioner reports were submitted.

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [26-316](#) Greenhouse Gas Emissions Update through Regional Indicators

Sustainability Coordinator Sara Pabich introduced Mackenzie Thelen, Maureen Colburn, and Becky Alexander of LHB, Inc., who presented, via Zoom, updated Regional Indicators Initiative data for the City of Northfield through 2024. The presenters responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

3. [26-317](#)

Consider Recommendation on Pathway for Organics Recycling

Sustainability Coordinator Sara Pabich presented an overview of organic recycling options in Northfield, and requested the EQC consider a recommendation on pathway for organics recycling in the city. Pabich and City Administrator Ben Martig responded to questions and comments from the HPC.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shmurak, seconded by Commissioner Haroldson, to extend the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Shmurak, Chair Hanson, Commissioner Haroldson, and Youth Representative Halverson

A motion was made by Commissioner Haroldson, seconded by Commissioner Shmurak, to approve a recommendation to City Council that they consider adopting the proposed Pathway C, a universal organics recycling program. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Shmurak, Chair Hanson, Commissioner Haroldson, and Youth Representative Halverson

4. [26-318](#)

2026-2027 Work Plan and Commission Priorities

Sustainability Coordinator Sara Pabich provided background on the priorities for and evolution of the Environmental Quality Commission's 2026-2027 Work Plan and future activities. Pabich responded to questions and comments from the EQC.

Commissioner Petri requested an update on the schedule and coverage for tabling at Riverwalk Market Fair. Pabich responded that a table is scheduled for July 18, 2026, with a possible additional date in August.

STAFF UPDATES

5. [26-319](#)

Staff Update

Sustainability Coordinator Sara Pabich and Mayor Erica Zweifel provided updates from City staff.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Shmurak, seconded by Commissioner Haroldson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Commissioner Petri, Commissioner Shmurak, Chair Hanson, Commissioner Haroldson, and Youth Representative Halverson