

Minutes: NHWSB Public Hearing Workgroup

Date: Monday, June 9, 2025

Minutes prepared by: Linnea Becerra

Location: Hybrid – Washington Room at the Department of Labor and Industry and via Webex

Attendance

Members present	Visitors present	DLI staff members present
Michelle Armstrong	Todd Bergstrom (remotely)	Linnea Becerra
Maria King (remotely)	Jeff Bostic (remotely)	Paul Enger
Mary Swanson (remotely)		Leah Solo

Agenda items

- **Call to order** – the meeting was called to order by Executive Director Leah Solo at 2:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. A quorum was declared.
- **Approval of agenda** – a motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Michelle Armstrong and seconded by Mary Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Approval of drafted meeting minutes** – a motion to approve the April 21, 2025, drafted meeting minutes as presented was made by Armstrong and seconded by Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.
 1. **Board updates** –
 - Executive Director Solo reviewed that the group previously discussed a schedule and locations for public forums in the fall. Solo explained the group would like to have forums after the patient-driven payment model (PDPM) goes into effect (after Oct. 1, 2025) and that the full board was briefed about this round of public hearings and members gave their support.
 - The workgroup discussed locations and landed on Albert Lea, Detroit Lakes, St. Cloud, St. Paul and Windom, Minnesota, noting this will not be the last round of public engagement and more cities can be explored moving forward. An online forum was also discussed.
 - Solo asked about facilities in the areas of the hearings and if anyone had ideas of which would be open to meeting with the board.
 - There was discussion about timing of the hearings; it was concluded they would take place within a month, from mid-October to mid-November. Due to board members dividing up around the state, a one-month time frame seems doable. The group talked about some dates to avoid, such as Veterans Day, MEA weekend, the Care Providers conference and Thanksgiving.
 - Staff members will work on a memo with locations and dates to present at the next workgroup meeting. Then, upon approval, will bring the plan to the full board in July.
 2. **New business** –
 3. **Next meeting** – the next meeting is Monday, June 30, at 2 p.m., in the Washington Room at DLI.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Maria King to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. and was seconded by Swanson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.