Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Legislative Committee Meeting
Friday, July 25, 2025, 7:30 – 9 a.m.
Hybrid meeting – In person and via Zoom

Members Present:	Sally Browne	Colin Cox	Jim DeMay
	Marcy Doud	Marcus Hill	Jeff Holmberg
	Laura Oksnevad	Kent Pekel	Alison Sherman
	Stacie Stanley	Michael Thomas	Kita Yang
Staff Present:	Scott Croonquist	Kimberly Jansa	Troy Melhus
Guests Present:	Kris Amundson	Josh Downham	Lori Grivna

I. Approval of Minutes of June 13 Meeting

AMSD Chair Laura Oksnevad called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Oksnevad asked members to review the minutes from the June 13 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved.

II. Executive Director's Report

Chair Oksnevad invited Executive Director Scott Croonquist to share his report. Croonquist noted since we last met, there has been a political assassination of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband and Sen. John Hoffman and his wife survived several gunshot wounds. In addition, Sen. Nicole Mitchell resigned her seat after being convicted of burglary charges. Croonquist also noted the unexpected death of Sen. Bruce Anderson. As a result, there will be three special elections this fall. Croonquist shared that those elections could be followed by more if a current House Member is elected to an open Senate seat.

Croonquist also noted that significant federal title funds remain on hold and federal Department of Education staff has been drastically decreased.

Croonquist shared that there are two working groups scheduled to begin soon. The Compensatory Working Group has its first meeting on September 3. The Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education applications are open until August 13. Croonquist shared that some of our fellow AMSD members have applied to serve on one of the groups.

Croonquist shared that the budget and referendum survey has been sent out a bit earlier this year, due to requests from superintendents. In addition, the annual legislative platform survey will be sent next Friday, August 1. Croonquist noted that the committee will review the results of the platform survey at our next meeting. In the meantime, he encouraged any thoughts, comments or feedback to be shared with him.

Croonquist noted the speakers for the next few board of directors meetings: Good Trouble's co-founders will be our guest speakers on August 1, Morris Leatherman will be presenting poll data to us at the September 5 meeting, and State Demographer Susan Brower will join us on October 3.

III. Adjournment

There being no other business, Chair Oksnevad adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.