



MINNESOTA TRUTH COUNCIL

June 24, 2026 – Technology Practice

Technology practice

1. Mute/unmute your microphone
2. Turning video on/off
3. Opening the chat feature
4. Renaming yourself
5. Using reactions (raise hand, emojis)

Troubleshooting

1. If **audio** doesn't work, switch audio source in the lower-left corner.
2. If **video** doesn't appear, check camera permissions.
3. For slow connections, turn video off to improve performance.

Have technology questions: Privately chat with
“Tech Support”

Remote participation tips

1. **Mute on:** Please keep yourself muted when you are not speaking.
2. **Cameras on:** Unless you are dealing with bandwidth issues, please leave your camera on during the entire meeting. Building comradery with cameras off is difficult without having visual connections when working remotely.
3. **Use raise hand function:** To prevent verbal traffic jams, Stacy, Steph, or the chair will call on you when we see your hand raised so you can come on mic to share your thoughts. Please make sure your mic is off at all other times.

Formality

During this orientation and all Work Sessions, the Council will operate **informally**, meaning we will use first names.

During Public Meetings (“hearings”), we will operate **formally** and use preferred honorifics (Doctor, Imam, Professor, Mr., Ms., etc.) and last names. You will find the member roster and name tents useful.

Documents to open and minimize:

Please have the meeting materials (sent June 18, 2026) open and minimized on your device, particularly:

- Member Roster and Support Team
- Draft Charter
- Council timeline
- Story collection one-pagers from The Advocates for Human Rights
- Considerations for public meetings



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Member Orientation

June 24, 2026

A message from Chair Pete Cahill

"We commend the authorities in Minnesota for acting swiftly to establish a process to document, record and report on the violations."

- *UN human rights experts*

Council to Document the Impacts of Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS on Minnesotans

Executive Order

Established

Council created by executive order to document the truth of Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS

Membership

15-member council with appointed leadership and public representation

Engagement

Share a story, organize a space, view public meetings

Deliverables

Four public meetings
Preliminary findings — Oct. 31
Final report — Dec. 1

Message to observers

- **Thank you** for your interest in this important work!
- Council follows **Open Meeting Laws**, meaning:
 - All meetings are open to observers
 - Observers will not be allowed to comment during Council work sessions or public meetings.
- Opportunities to **participate**
 - Share your story
 - Organize a space to help others share stories
 - For more information, email MNTruthCouncil@advrights.org



Orientation purpose

1. Build connections with one another.
2. Create shared understanding of Council charter and timelines.
3. Learn about the work to date, including The Advocates for Human Rights' story collection process and preliminary plans for state agency data collection.
4. Discuss approach to public meeting structure.

Agenda for today

- Welcome and grounding
- Member introductions
- Review draft Council charter, including Council's timeline and work cadence
- Break (starting approximately 7:20)
- Presentation and discussion of work to date
- Initial discussion regarding the approach to Public Meetings
- Next steps and adjourn

Welcome Minnesota Truth Council Members!

Peter Cahill (Chair)	Jennifer Prestholdt (Vice Chair)	Deepinder Singh Mayell (ACLU)	Ana Pottratz Acosta	Kate Beane	Jenna Chernega
Abdulahi Farah	Pakou Hang	Liliana Letran-Garcia	Kathleen Miller	Fionnuala Ni Aolain	Roger New
Jose Pablo Obregon	Zena Stenvik	Gary Wertish	Rebecca Lucero (Department of Human Rights, non- voting member)	Carin Mrotz (Attorney General's office, non-voting member)	Alexis-Clair Roehrich (Governor's office, non-voting member)

Support team and their roles

See page 2 of the roster



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What we heard from your onboarding conversations

Background

- Onboarding conversations with **18 Council members**, including the three non-voting members, between June 3-17.
- **Purpose:** To gather insights from members of the Council to inform the Council's work together in accordance with executive order 26-05.
- **Key learnings** support:
 - Agenda design
 - How work gets done
 - Ability to meet needs of Council members
- **Known:** This Council is made up of trusted leaders.

Recognition of shared humanity

Respect

Fairness

Integrity

Empathy

Honesty

Listening

1. Experiences are seen and heard

"The communities that were most impacted have their voices and experiences heard."

"I want people to feel like someone saw them and heard them."

"People that suffered feel validated."

"I was not invisible."

3. Actionable

"The recommendations were actionable."

"People need tools to respond to the report. How do we help people come back to self-determination and agency? The report must be accessible to the public."

2. Accuracy

"The general feedback is that we got the story right."

"In the time we are given, we tell as much of the story as we can."

"People were impacted in many different ways. This is an opportunity to acknowledge this and to hear people's experiences. Stay away from the oppression Olympics."

4. Legacy

"Future generations are provided a historical context for what happened and see this process as a steppingstone to a better society."

"Something that empowers future generations. This moment marked an important change."

"In 100 years from now, I want people to look at the Council's work as a time to record and heal."

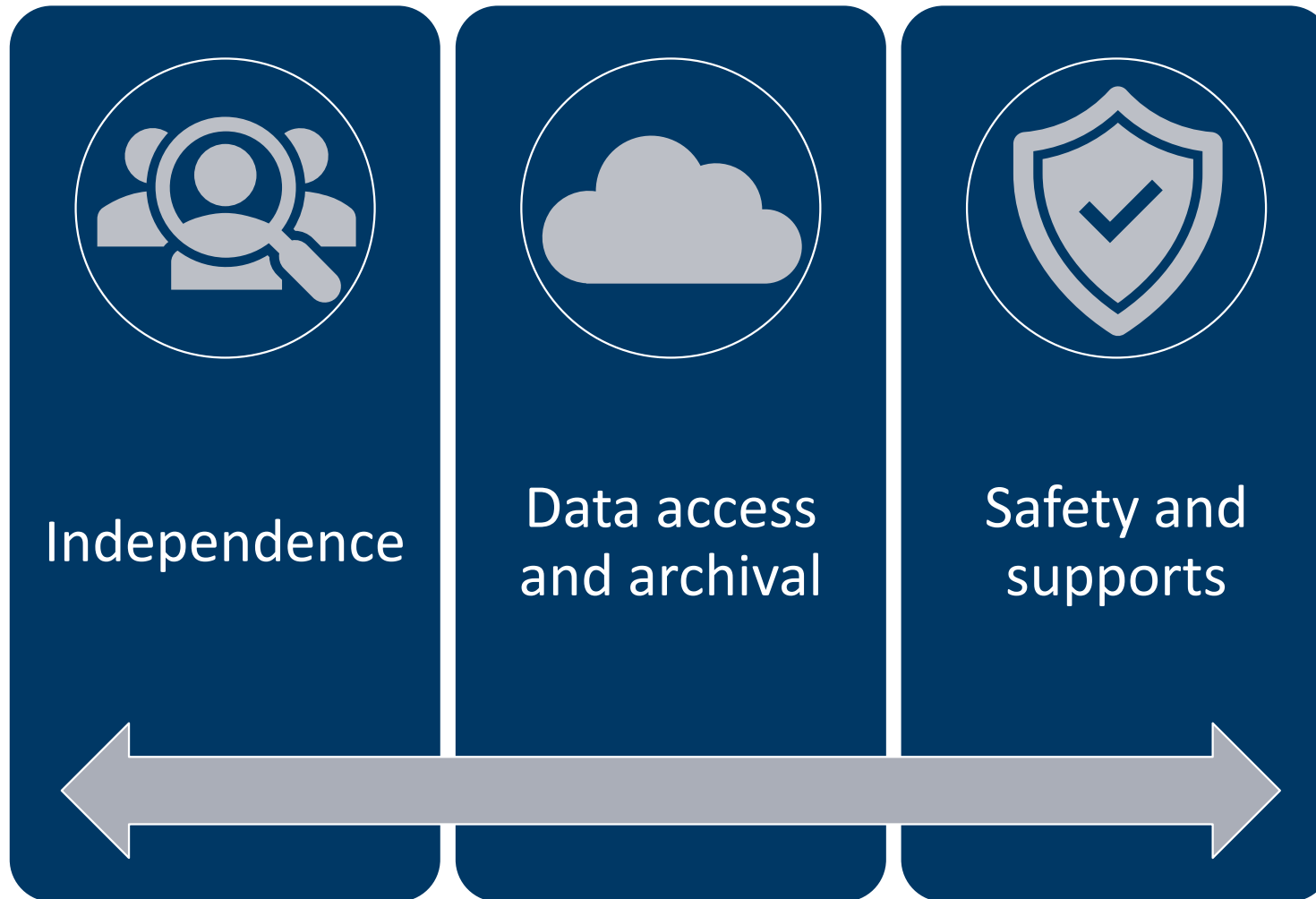


Success

Ideas from Council members on data collection

- Document the impacts of **fear** and **silencing**
- Document a **diversity of experiences** and **multiplicity of perspectives**, including the stories of federal agents
- Document the conditions that allowed the **community and organizations to come together** so quickly
- Document the direct and indirect impacts on **businesses**
- Document impacts on **health** and **healthcare**, including violations of HIPAA at hospitals as well as food, housing, and prescription drug loss
- Document impacts on the **arts**

Shared issues raised by Council members





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Introductions

Perspectives (executive order 26-05, #2)

- Immigration
- Civil and human rights
- Education
- Law enforcement
- Faith and religion
- Business
- Health, including mental health and trauma
- Community impact

Introductions, repeat

In **one breath**, please share:

1. Your name and key words that reflect the **perspective(s)** you bring to the Council,
2. How you will know the Council's work was **successful**.

Review Council Charter and Timeline



Council's scope of work (slide 1 of 2)

The Council is tasked with the following duties:

- 1. Formally hear and acknowledge the collective impact** of Minnesotans' experiences as legitimate and an essential part of the public record.
 - Confer with The Advocates for Human Rights (AHR) on topics that are in scope for story collection and presentation [[executive order 26-05, #5](#)].
 - Review the venue, structure, and timing of each of the public meetings [[executive order 26-05, #6](#)].
 - Prepare for public presentations, including determining who will share their stories during public meetings, and solicit information through public forums, personal testimony, publicly available video, and any other means [[executive order 26-05, #4](#)].

Council's scope of work (slide 2 of 2)

- 2. Establish an accurate and authoritative public record** of the harms, experiences, and impacts of Operation Metro Surge and Operation PARRIS.
 - Direct AHR to collect stories, data, testimony, and other relevant information on the selected topics [[executive order 26-05, #6](#)].
 - Request additional data and information from state agencies as needed [[executive order 26-05, #7](#)].
 - Accept documentation from four public meetings [[executive order 26-05, #6](#)].
- 3. Create a final report of findings and provide recommendations** to prevent recurrence of human and civil rights violations [[executive order 26-05, #3](#)].

Charter: Procedures

- **Section 1:** Council work sessions
- **Section 2:** Public meetings
- **Section 3:** Planning team meetings
- **Section 4:** Group agreements
- **Section 5:** Adherence to Open Meeting Law and Data Practices
- **Section 6:** Process to end discussion and reach closure
- **Section 7:** Dispute and conflict resolution

Charter: Responsibilities

- **Section 1:** Council members
- **Section 2:** Chair and Vice Chair
- **Section 3:** The Advocates for Human Rights
- **Section 4:** Governor's Office
- **Section 5:** Management Analysis and Development

Charter: Review revisions

- There was strong support for the May 28, 2026 draft of the charter.
- Three revisions were made to the June 17, 2026 draft based on input:

Section of charter	Revision
Operating procedures, Section 4: Group agreements (page 4)	Addition of “Make space, take space.” Council members desire balanced participation among all, not a select few dominant voices.
Operating procedures, Section 6: Process to end discussion and reach closure (page 5)	Delete reference to the State of Minnesota’s Code of Ethical Conduct HR/LR Policy #1445. Council members are not executive branch employees.
Operating procedures, Section 6: Process to end discussion and reach closure (page 5)	Addition of “There is no expectation the Council will achieve 100% consensus. Diverse opinions and disagreements are expected. Individual Council members with differing views will be responsible for articulating their position and providing necessary rationale and background for the collective benefit of all Council members.” Council members are committed to working toward consensus and understand 100% agreement is unlikely.

MN Truth Council meeting schedule

See Council timeline document in
materials email

Work Sessions

(2:00-5:00 p.m., Elmer Andersen Building, St. Paul)

- Wednesday, July 15
- Thursday, July 30
- Tuesday, October 13
- Thursday, October 29

Public Meetings

(2:00-5:00 p.m., Minnesota Capitol)

- Wednesday, August 26
- Wednesday, September 9
- Thursday, September 17
- Tuesday, September 29

An aerial photograph of a river winding through a dense forest. The trees are in various stages of autumn, with green, yellow, and orange foliage visible. The river is a deep blue color, reflecting the sky. A large, dark blue circular overlay is positioned on the right side of the image, containing white text.

What
remaining
questions do
you have
about the
Council charter
or timeline?

**Take a break.
Back by 7:30.**



Implementing partner: The Advocates for Human Rights

- What does it mean for AHR to be the implementing partner of the Council?
- Review Responsibilities Section 3 of Charter (page 7)
- Summary of work to date:
 - Development of robust story collection process (story collection forms in materials)
 - Community Outreach (one-pagers in materials)
 - Research



Data Squad role and partnership with Council Members and The Advocates for Human Rights

Role

Provide trusted data analysis of Minnesota State Agency data that strengthens the Council's ability to understand impacts, identify patterns, and support accurate findings.

Partnership

The Data Squad works alongside Council members and AHR as it relates to Minnesota State Agency data to:

- › Organize and validate key data sources
- › Identify meaningful patterns and trends
- › Support evidence-based reporting
- › Strengthen transparency and accountability
- › Provide insights that inform Council recommendations

Topics for story and data collection

Executive order 26-05, #5

- Human and civil rights violations
- Impact of immigrants and refugees
- Use of chemical munitions
- Actions taken against US citizens
- Peaceful protests
- Digital documentation of federal action
- Economic harms
- Impacts on children
- Activism to support schools, childcare, and local businesses

Ideas from Council members on data collection, repeat

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- Document impacts on the **arts**

Discuss approach to public meetings

- **Purpose:** What story are we trying to tell? What's unique about this process that won't come from other means?
- **Topics:** What are the priority topics we wish to cover? What's essential for the public record about the topic?
- **Format:** Who gets asked questions and who doesn't? Who asks the questions? What's the role of the academic expert and the witness in our public meetings? Who do we want to invite to speak?
- **Ancillary Activities:** What might we like to see on the sides of the public meetings? I.e., Art exhibit or story collection by The Advocates for Human Rights. Are there other ceremonial aspects that should happen before or after the meeting(s)?

Next steps

Administrative action items

1. When possible, adjust personal schedules to prioritize in person participation at meetings.
2. Send final Charter adjustment suggestions by July 3.
3. Send any edits you have to the roster by July 3
4. Complete training modules on open meeting law, data practices, and legal and ethical considerations
5. Set up electronic folders to organize your Council materials

General action items:

1. **Story Collection:** Act as a bridge and conduit to impacted communities, guiding those interested in providing their stories to [The Advocates for Human Rights](#) for collection on website or MNTruthCouncil@advrights.org.
2. **Witnesses:** Offer suggestions and make necessary connections to people who may provide personal stories during public meetings to Vice Chair, Jennifer Prestholdt at jprestholdt@advrights.org.

See you July 15 at Council work session #1

Date: Wednesday, July 15th

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Building: Elmer L. Anderson
Building, 2nd Floor, Room
C2370

Address: 540 Cedar Street, St.
Paul MN 55101

Agenda outline:

- Approve the Council charter
- Review and discuss data collection
- Confirm public meeting structure