

## Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee

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### AGENDA

Monday, January 23, 2023

8:30-10am

360 Colborne Street, St. Paul, MN  
Room 5A

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Jim Vue, Saint Paul Public Schools.

#### 2. Welcome and Introductions

Members present included Jim Vue, Ryan O'Connor, Rebecca Noecker, Trista MatasCastillo, Mitra Jalali, Rena Moran, Halla Henderson (arrived at 8:39 a.m.), Chauntyll Allen (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), John McCarthy (in place of Deputy Mayor Jamie Tincher)

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

Chair Vue moved to approve the order of the main agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner MatasCastillo. It passed by acclaim.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting

Chair Vue moved to approve the minutes from the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. Councilmember Jalali seconded the motion. It passed by acclaim.

#### 5. Review of legislative agendas by jurisdiction

- City
- County

Commissioner MatasCastillo noted the work in the banning of guns in recreation centers, with the recent events.

Councilmember Noecker requested information on the progress on the property tax automatic credit, and requested to be updated on the progress.

- School District

Mr. Grathwol to provide further information on the cross-subsidy amounts.

County Manager O'Connor thanked the team for the presentations, and alignment of the three jurisdictions, especially for youth and families.

#### 6. Joint Debt Book Presentation

It was noted that for the next Joint Debt Book, it will be helpful to have information on the metrics and inflationary adjustments, as well as other metrics that were not included, and maybe should be. It has been on "autopilot" for the past years, and it would be wise to revisit and refresh.

The budget of the school district in relation to the city or county was noted, and that our schools have limited capacity to generate revenue. It would be helpful to see SPPS data in the Joint Debt Book in comparison to other districts. Executive Chief of Financial Services, Tom Sager, provided additional details on the value of comparison of SPPS to other districts to ensure we are not spending too much or too little. With the revenue for debt service at \$1422 per student, and the state average at \$1480, we know we are in the ballpark range. Councilmember Noecker noted that SPPS is unique in this conversation because it is mainly school buildings and the capital intensity. SPPS Builds was also noted as being included in these figures.

The flatlining for the City and County was surprising to see – it was noted that this is based on known debt, and figures will be revised and updated as there is additional information.

It was noted that it will be helpful to see figures in comparison to other similar jurisdictions, both in the metro area and across the state.

More information was requested on the ratio of the debt burden on the overall debt.

Overall, the committee requested information on updating benchmarks broadly (ones we currently have, and new), contextual information, more information on capital plans and facility plans that have debt issuance, and a broader look at how to compare property taxes with other jurisdictions, both across the city, county and school district, and across others in the state, and also drivers in the levy.

#### 7. Discussion and review of upcoming meeting dates

##### a. March 27, 2023

Councilmember Noecker noted a motion of intent to meet for the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting with the importance of the legislative session.

##### b. June 26, 2023

##### c. September 25, 2023 (tentative)

#### 8. Adjourn

Chair Vue motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Director Allen. It passed by acclaim.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.