

WSCO Board Meeting Notes
209 Page Street West, St Paul, MN 55107
Monday, June 1, 2026
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Present: Santino Franco, Coral Gessner, Sebastian Gonzalez Navarre, Laura Hermer, Ana Perez, Jeannine Pohl, Joy Sorensen Navarre

Absent: Raniya Abawari, Jazzalyn Baker, Larry Lucio, Yasmin Muridi, Nancy Negrette, Soleil Ramierez

Staff: Monica Bravo, Elizabeth Coco, Tracy Lamparty

Guests: Bev Guaze and Idonna Miller

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Ice Breaker: Favorite Restaurant on the West Side.

Agenda edit:

Motion to add the Consent Agenda to the agenda after guest recognition made by Coral Gessner
Seconded by Santino Franco
Unanimous approval.

Guest Recognition:

Idonna Miller: They are trying to set up a tenant group in their building and wanted to see how our meetings are run. They are looking for help setting up their group. The board and guests had some discussion and the board suggested Idonna and her group call Home Line for support.

Bev Guaze: Bev didn't bring specific business for the board. She shared about her time on the West Side and some of the assistance she has been able to provide other residents during Metro Surge and beyond. She shared that she is happy to be here.

Consent Agenda Approval:

Financials and Minutes from May
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Laura Hermer.
Seconded by Jeannine Pohl. Unanimous approval.

Sebastian Gonzalez Navarre (who joined by phone) expressed that he would like to approve motions with Chair for the remainder of the meeting

Strategic plan and 6-month check in :

Monica reviewed the 2025-26 Strategic plan and the progress we have made on the different pillars. Part one is tonight and Part 2 will be at July meeting.

The board will need to create a new refreshed strategic plan, likely to begin towards the end of 2026. The board acknowledged that having an external facilitator will be helpful. Coral reiterated that the current plan ends this year. Monica noted that this will go onto the upcoming Executive Committee meeting agenda.

Current requirements in the bylaws :

The board reviewed a number of areas that the bylaws cover including board terms and attendance. The board also discussed the process for making bylaw revisions. There were no actions taken or motions made.

How to address public participation :

The board discussed the ways in which the public participates in WSCO board meetings and how the process could be improved, including a suggestion of having guests submit their topics of discussion prior to the attending the meeting itself. The board wants to look into open meeting laws.

Fundraising subcommittee update :

The Committee met before the board meeting and will likely bring Thank You cards for board members to sign at next board meeting. The committee has some good plans in the works.

Discussion about board members

Joy Sorensen Navarre shared that she will be leaving the board in August as she will be moving out of the West Side. Yasmin Muridi will be removed from board effective immediately due to her violation of the bylaw's attendance rules. Notice will go out this evening. Electra Skrzydlewski resigned from the board on May 7, 2026 due to changes in her personal capacity and professional commitments.

Board term discussion

The board discussed ways to attract and keep board members and engage residents in our work. The use of committees was discussed as a possible tactic.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.