

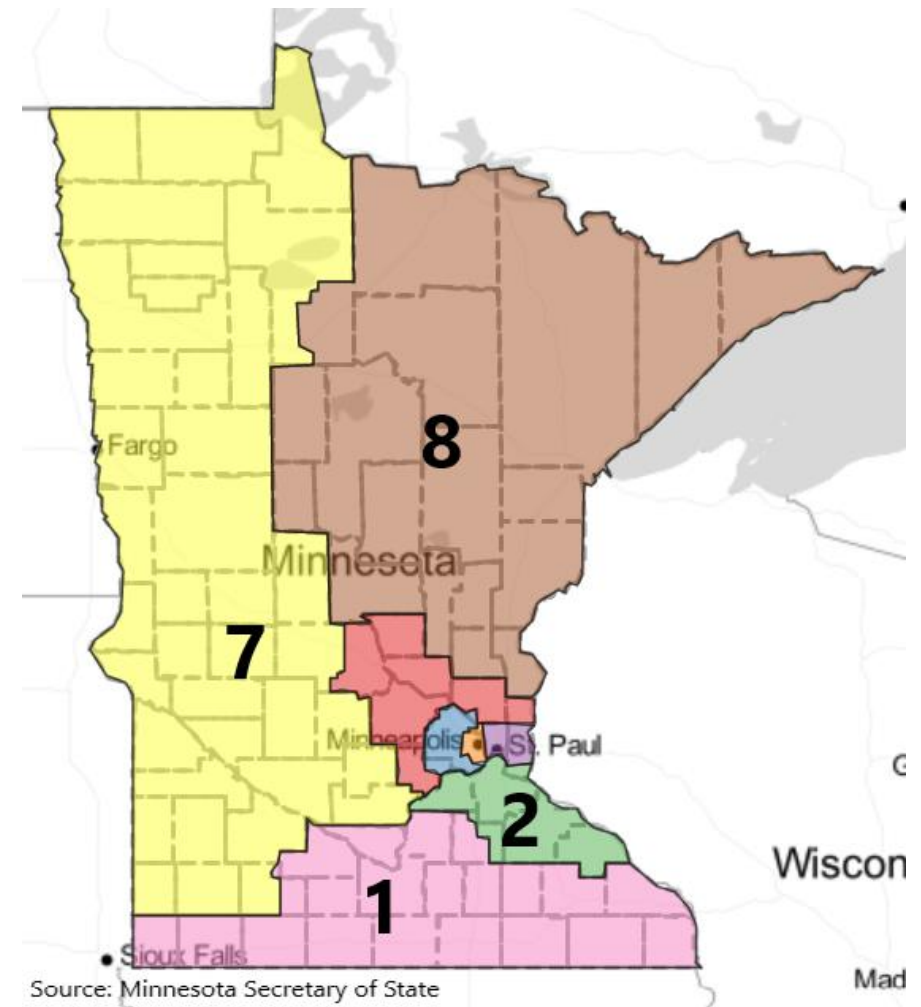


Subcommittee for Pilot Program Implementation

December 9, 2021

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Two ways to sign up to speak:

1. Raise your hand in Webex.
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2. Type your name in the Webex chat.

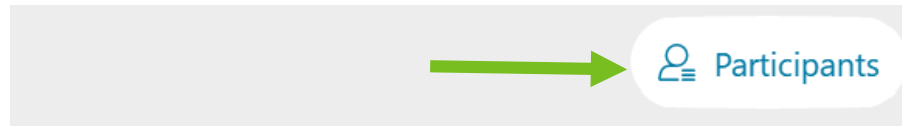
Procedure and guidelines:

- If you wish to speak, please use the “raise hand” feature in Webex during the public comment period.
- When your name is called:
 - Introduce yourself before beginning your comment.
 - Please keep your remarks to those facts which are relevant and specific to today’s agenda.

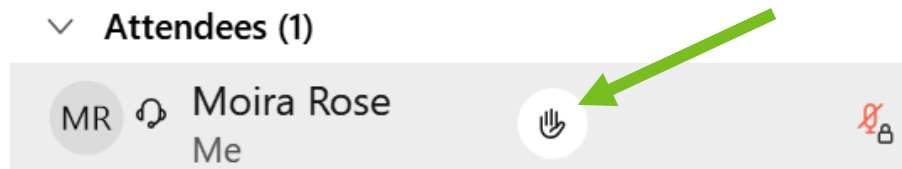
How to raise your hand in Webex

From your computer:

1. Click on Participants in lower left corner.



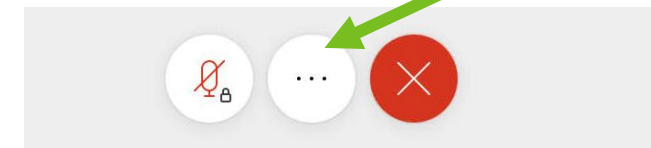
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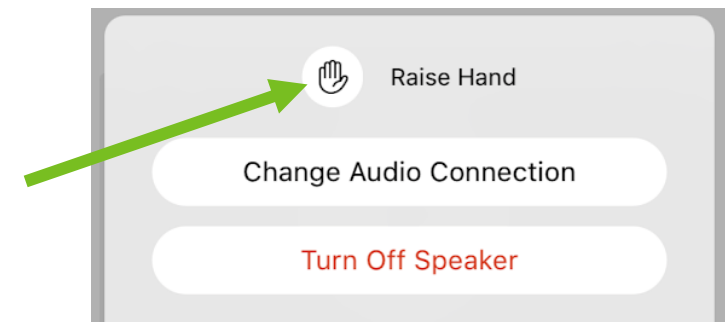
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2. Click on Raise Hand.





DRAFT Pilot Program Metrics for Effectiveness and Efficiency

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Highlights from design and implementation discussion

Be sure to include:

- strategies to recruit Greater MN participation
- opportunities for small Responsible Governmental Units (RGUs) who are not participating to weigh-in
- opportunities for transparency and public engagement throughout the Pilot Program
- focus metrics on climate information



Pilot Program purpose

Pilot Program is meant to assess:

- effectiveness
- efficiency

of climate information included on the draft revised Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)



Minnesota Rules define information objective

The Environmental Review process is designed to:

“provide usable information to the project proposer, governmental decision makers and the public concerning the primary environmental effects of a proposed project”

Minnesota Rules 4410.0300

Usable climate information

Project proposer

Usable to inform project design and mitigation decisions

Governmental decision makers

Usable to inform potential impacts to state and local greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals and project approval decisions

Public

Usable to meaningfully understand potential climate effects of a proposed project, before final approval decisions

How the information will be collected and used

- Continuous assessment of information sources and opportunities, based on metrics
 - Engagement tools such as surveys, interviews, focus groups etc.
- Evaluation
 - Compile information and summarize by theme
 - Provide summaries for Subcommittees, Board and public consideration
- Apply
 - Return to the Board with recommendations

Draft Metrics

Metric	How the information will be collected
Effectiveness – 3 Metrics	Source
Efficiency – 3 Metrics	Source
Pilot Program design – 3 Metrics	Source

Draft Metrics - Effectiveness

Metric	Sources of information
Effectiveness Metric 1	
<p>Climate information was considered in project design and provided on the draft revised EAW form:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects quantify and assess GHG emissions• Responses provided for adaptation and resiliency planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQB outreach to project proposers and RGUs for projects that use the revised draft EAW form• EQB staff review completed EAWs for projects that use the revised draft EAW form

Draft Metrics - Effectiveness

Metric	Sources of information
Effectiveness Metric 2	
New climate information helps project proposers, the public and RGUs understand potential climate effects	EQB outreach to project proposers, members of the public and RGUs for projects that use the revised draft EAW form
Effectiveness Metric 3	
RGUs are able to assess climate impacts accurately and consistently	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EQB outreach to RGUs for projects that use the revised draft EAW form• Feedback collected during collaborative forums

Draft Metrics – Efficiency

Metric	Sources of information
Efficiency Metric 1	
New climate questions on the EAW form are clear and unambiguous	EQB outreach to project proposers, RGUs and members of the public for projects that use the revised draft EAW form
Efficiency Metric 2	
Additional time and cost for providing climate information results in usable climate information	EQB outreach to project proposers, RGUs and members of the public for projects that use the revised draft EAW form

Draft Metrics – Efficiency

Metric

Sources of information

Efficiency Metric 3

Tools provided in Guidance (both Section 1 carbon footprint and Section 2 climate impacts)

- Are they user-friendly; easily understood and applied
- Do they provide consistent and accurate information
- Do they provide information relative to a specific project location

- EQB outreach to project proposers and RGUs that used the revised draft EAW form
- Feedback collected during collaborative forums

Draft Metrics – Pilot Program Design

Metric	Sources of information
Design Metric 1	
The Pilot Program included a cross section of RGU's from State agencies and local governments in Metro and Greater Minnesota	Pilot Program registration information
Design Metric 2	
The Pilot Program provided meaningful mechanisms to engage Greater Minnesota RGUs who have few staff and are not currently evaluating an EAW	Pilot Program engagement design and implementation

Draft Metrics – Pilot Program Design

Metric	Sources of information
Design Metric 3	
The Pilot Program provided meaningful mechanisms for input and transparency for all interested Environmental Program review participants	Data collected from Pilot Program engagement design

Pilot Program timeline

Timeline	Milestones
Oct-Nov 2021	Recruit participants (RGUs and consultants), design implementation elements, develop effectiveness and efficiency metrics
Jan 2021-Sep 2022	Support participants and collect information Updates during Board and ERIS meetings
Sept-Nov 2022	Compile information and share information
Dec 2022	Present final EAW form to Board



Public Input



Subcommittee Deliberation



Next Steps