



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Agenda

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
Center, Hastings

(or following County Board)

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Note: Any action taken by this Committee of the Whole constitutes a recommendation to the County Board.

2. Audience

Anyone in the audience wishing to address the Committee on an item not on the agenda or an item on the consent agenda may come forward at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

3.1 Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

CONSENT AGENDA

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on June 9, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA

5. County Board/County Administration

5.1 *Communications and Public Affairs* - Legislative Update

6. Central Operations

6.1 *Central Operations Administration* - Update On Artificial Intelligence (AI)

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

- 8. Future Agenda Items
- 9. Adjournment
 - 9.1 Adjournment

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General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5775

Agenda #: 3.1

Meeting Date: 6/23/2026

Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)



General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5776

Agenda #: 4.1

Meeting Date: 6/23/2026

Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on June 9, 2026



Dakota County

General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

9:30 AM

Conference Room 3A, Administration
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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Workman at 9:30 a.m.

Present

- Commissioner Mike Slavik
- Commissioner Joe Atkins
- Commissioner Laurie Halverson
- Commissioner William Droste
- Commissioner Liz Workman
- Commissioner Mary Liz Holberg
- Commissioner Mary Hamann-Roland

Also in attendance were Heidi Welsch, County Manager; Tom Donely, First Assistant County Attorney; and Jeni Reynolds, Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board.

The audio recording of this meeting is available upon request.

2. Audience

Chair Workman noted that all public comments can be sent to CountyAdmin@co.dakota.mn.us
No comments were received for this agenda.

3. Approval of Agenda (Additions/Corrections/Deletions)

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Motion: Mary Hamann-Roland

Second: William Droste

Ayes: 7

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Halverson, seconded by Commissioner Atkins, the Consent agenda was approved as follows:

4. County Administration - Approval of Minutes

4.1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting Held on May 19, 2026

Motion: Laurie Halverson

Second: Joe Atkins

Ayes: 7

REGULAR AGENDA

5. Central Operations

5.1 Update On Services From Nonprofit Vendors

The following non-profit vendor was present and gave a high-level overview of their services. Representatives with the vendor responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Scott-Carver-Dakota CAP Agency - Suzie Misel (Director of Housing and Emergency Services) and Michelle Paulson (Sr. Property Manager)

Information only; no action requested.

6. Public Services and Revenue

6.1 Update On Self-Service Hours And Overview Of Metropolitan Library Service Agency

Library Director Jennifer Reichert Simpson and Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) Executive Director Sherry Wichitchu briefed this item and responded to questions. This item was on the agenda for informational purposes only.

Information only; no action requested.

7. County Manager/Deputy/Director's Report

County Manager Heidi Welsch gave the following update:

- provided a brief 2026 Budget Update.
- staff from Divisions are meeting with the County Manager in June to discuss 2027 department budgets.
- a Finance Work Session will be held on June 16, 2026. Another Work Session is also scheduled for July 13. Levy scenarios will be shared with the Board for further discussion.
- the County Manager will begin meeting with staff by offering Town Hall meetings. The meetings will start the week of June 22.
- Deputy County Manager: Community Services - Marti Fischbach provided a brief update on what the Dept. of Human Services is doing following the department review of nearly 5,600 providers across the state of Minnesota. This is an effort to remove non compliant and potentially fraudulent providers from 13 high-risk Medicaid service areas. Many providers have been disenrolled and that is causing some hardships. Once an appeal is made, providers can continue to provide services during the appeal period.

8. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

9. Adjournment

9.1 Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Atkins, seconded by Commissioner Hamann-Roland, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeni Reynolds
Sr. Administrative Coordinator to the Board



General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5733

Agenda #: 5.1

Meeting Date: 6/23/2026

DEPARTMENT: Communications and Public Affairs

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Legislative Update

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Provide an update on legislative topics.

SUMMARY

Stinson lobbyists will provide a post-session update of the 2026 legislative session in relation to the County's legislative priorities, along with a look ahead. The update may also include discussion on other state and federal legislative topics of interest to Dakota County.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None
- Current budget
- Other
- Amendment Requested
- New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

BOARD GOALS

- A Great Place to Live
- A Healthy Environment
- A Successful Place for Business and Jobs
- Excellence in Public Service

CONTACT

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Legislative Update

June 23, 2026

Mary Beth Schubert

- Congressionally Directed Spending Update: CSAH 46
- OMB Proposed changes to Uniform Guidance for federal grantmaking - Downs
- Legislative update - Stinson
- Other items?



Congressionally Directed Spending Update: CSAH 46

Georg Fischer

Assistant County Manager- Physical Development

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- Project 99-013: Planned for 2029 Construction
- Total Project Cost: ~\$46.5M
- Minimum Request Submitted: \$6.5M
- Status:
 - Moving forward in the House: \$500K
 - Not advancing in Senate
- Other External Project Dollars:
 - \$10M (Federal: 2024 Regional Solicitation Funds)
 - \$3.85M (Transportation Economic Development Program-MNDOT-State)
- Unsuccessful 2026 State Bonding: \$18.65M



OMB Proposed changes to Uniform Guidance for federal grantmaking

Mike Erlandson
Downs Government Affairs LLC

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- On May 29, 2026, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) published a proposed rule rewriting the Uniform Guidance at 2 CFR Part 200, the federal regulation governing every federal grant, cooperative agreement, and pass-through award.
- The proposed rule introduces new substantive policy requirements:
 - It modifies the termination framework.
 - Integrates federal grants administration with the Treasury Do Not Pay system.
 - Reclassifies 2 CFR Subtitle A from guidance to binding regulation.
 - Revises cost principles, audit requirements, and pass-through entity responsibilities.
- OMB is accepting comments through July 13.

Legislative Update



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Legislature Adjourns 2026 Session

From Sine Die to Campaign Trail

- The Minnesota Legislature wrapped-up its work for the 2026 session in time for the midnight May 18th constitutional deadline. Facing as closely divided of a legislature as possible, the midterm elections looming on the horizon, and other external factors, expectations were low for what realistically could make it past the finish line.
- Just days before the deadline, legislative leadership and Governor Walz announced that they had reached a deal that would bring session to a close, and lawmakers worked through the weekend to pass:
 - **Office of Inspector General** | Creation and funding of this office that will oversee fraud and misconduct investigations.
 - **IT Modernization Package** | Investment in government program information technology.
 - **\$1.2 Billion for Bonding** | a bipartisan capital investment package.
 - **Aid for HCMC** | \$205 million for Hennepin County Medical Center.
 - A number of other finance and policy supplemental omnibus bills.

County Priority Outcomes

County Priority Update

Bonding | Included in the package are the following projects:

- County Rd. 50 improvements (\$6m)
- Thompson Park Extension
- Hero's & Heritage Trail (\$300,000)
- \$10 million for metro regional parks

LCCMR

- Lebanon Hills Regional Park Natural Resources Restoration and Sustainable Trails Improvements (\$2,126,000)

Community Services

- Human services/IT infrastructure modernization
- Housing- additional FHPAP funds (\$40m)
- African American Family Preservation Act funding for counties
- \$11M for SNAP funding
- \$15M for the ACT

Things that did not get across the finish line

- Crisis mental health funding
- Housing support admin allocation
- Co. Rd. 46 bonding
- Lebanon Hills/Lake Byllesby bonding project
- Park ordinance violation change

Landscape for 2026 election

What's at Stake in the 2026 Election?

Each of the 67 Senate seats, 134 House seats, Constitutional Officer roles, Congressional districts, and one US Senate seat are up for grabs.

Election years are often accompanied by high member turnover. So far, there have been:

- **25** | announced retirements
- **11** | members seeking another constitutional office
- **7** | House members seeking election to the Senate

Stay tuned for more updates as candidate filing has officially closed.

What's at Stake in the 2026 Election?

US Senate | With Sen. Tina Smith's retirement, Congresswomen Angie Craig and Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan each hope to fill her vacancy. On the GOP side, Adam Schwarze received the party endorsement but there will likely be a primary between Schwarze, Michelle Tafoya, and Royce White.

As a note, with Sen. Klobuchar running for governor, Minnesota's second senate seat will also be up for appointment.

Governor | Amy Klobuchar/Ben Schierer cruised to endorsement. The GOP endorsement process was messy. Kendall Qualls/Brian Nicholson will face a primary challenge from Lisa Demuth/Ryan Wilson and Mike Lindell/Phillip Parrish.

CD 2 | CD 2 | The Second Congressional District, which is open following Rep. Angie Craig's campaign for Senate, has been a race to watch over the past few cycles. Former State Senator Matt Little is ahead in polling against other DFL candidates Rep. Kaela Berg and Sen. Dr. Matt Klein, in a race that will go to the primary. GOP Sen. Eric Pratt is the endorsed Republican.

Update from State Conventions

This past weekend, both DFL and GOP parties held their state-level endorsing conventions where candidates for statewide office vied to formally receive party backing.

US Senate

- **DFL** | The state DFL party endorsed Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan for the US Senate seat being vacated by retiring Sen. Tina Smith. Congresswoman Angie Craig, who opted out of the endorsement process, intends to continue her campaign and face-off against Flanagan in the August primary.
- **GOP** | Former Navy SEAL Adam Schwarze received the GOP party's endorsement over former sports broadcaster Michele Tafoya, who intends to continue on to the primary.

Governor

- **DFL** | Sen. Amy Klobuchar received the DFL endorsement for governor.
- **GOP** | Businessman Kendall Qualls became the GOP-backed candidate for governor, beating House Speaker Lisa Demuth after several rounds of voting. Demuth intends on carrying on through the primary, as does businessman Mike Lindell.

2027 Session Forecast

- **New Chairs** | The outcome of the election will bring a new set of committee chairs in both bodies.
 - Notable members who have been fixtures in various committees over the past years who are retiring include Sen. Ann Rest (Taxes), Sen. Warren Limmer (Judiciary), Sen. Jim Carlson (Elections), Sen. Carla Nelson (Taxes, Education), Sen. Sandy Pappas (Bonding), Sen. Melissa Wiklund (HHS), Rep. Joe Schomacker (Human Services) to name a few.
- **Budget** | Regardless of how majorities shake out, a balanced budget must be passed during the 2027 session.
- Other issues looming on the horizon...



Any Questions?

Thank you!

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General Government and Policy Committee of the Whole

Request for Board Action

Item Number: DC-5748

Agenda #: 6.1

Meeting Date: 6/23/2026

DEPARTMENT: Central Operations Administration

FILE TYPE: Regular Information

TITLE

Update On Artificial Intelligence (AI)

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Receive an update on Dakota County artificial intelligence (AI) policy and initiatives.

SUMMARY

Staff from Information Technology and Central Operations Administration will provide an update on work underway regarding artificial intelligence (AI) in Dakota County. This will include updates on an AI policy (attached for reference), safeguards being put in place related to AI use, and examples of AI initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION

Information only; no action requested.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

- None
- Current budget
- Other
- Amendment Requested
- New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

Information only; no action requested.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Presentation Slides

Attachment: Dakota County Policy 6012 Use of Artificial Intelligence

BOARD GOALS

- Thriving People
- A Healthy Environment with Quality Natural Resources
- A Successful Place for Business and Jobs
- Excellence in Public Service

CONTACT

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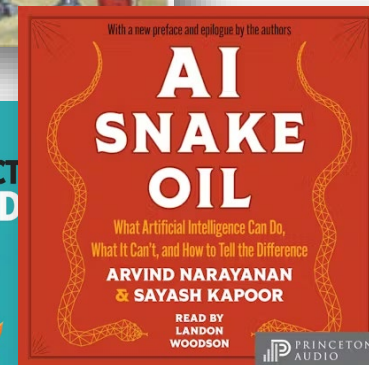
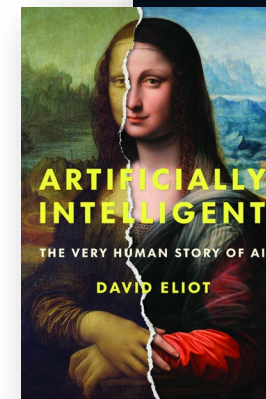
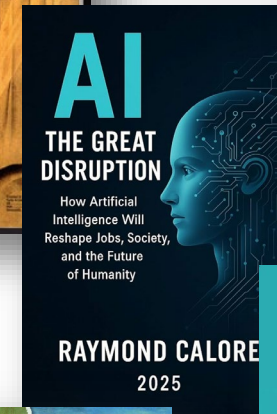
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Dakota County Artificial Intelligence (AI) Updates

June 23, 2026

- ❖ **AI Concerns & Rapid Evolution** – The AI landscape is evolving quickly where continuous learning and adaptability are critical.
- ❖ **Workforce Impact** – AI primarily disrupts *tasks*, not *entire job*.
- ❖ **Risk & Governance** – Data privacy, bias, require oversight.
- ❖ **Cost vs. Investment** – The value will come from productivity gains, cost reductions, decision quality, scalability.
- ❖ **Competitive Advantages** – Early adoption is critical. Enable informed decision making.
- ❖ **Productivity Gains** – Automation of repetitive tasks, improve operation efficiency and accuracy.



- ❖ It is the policy of Dakota County to utilize established guidelines for the responsible, ethical, and transparent use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies. The goal is to improve service delivery and efficiency while protecting the rights, privacy, and trust of residents.
- ❖ The use of AI in Dakota County is subject to all data privacy and retention laws. All employees are expected to comply with these laws and regulations when using AI in their work duties.
- ❖ Artificial Intelligence platforms and their use are to be held to the same standards as other County technical resources and must comply with acceptable use outlined in Dakota County Policy 6001 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources and retention and data practices policies.
- ❖ Guiding Principles:
 - Transparency
 - Accountability
 - Fairness and Equity
 - Privacy and Security
 - Human Oversight

Dakota County AI Initiatives



AI Technology Adoption Efforts

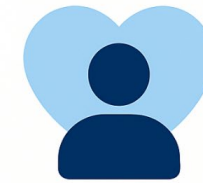
❖ Data Security Safeguards

- ❖ AI Coding Assistants
- ❖ Validate coding for security compliance
- ❖ Best Practices

❖ Early Wins With AI Technology – Applications and GIS staff leveraging AI as coding assistance

- ❖ Reduced Development Time – For both integrations and applications
- ❖ Cost Savings – Software licensing

❖ Dedicated Server Hardware – Isolated from the internet to address data security requirements



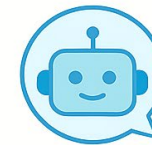
Supporting residents



Improving internal operations



Enabling more informed decision-making



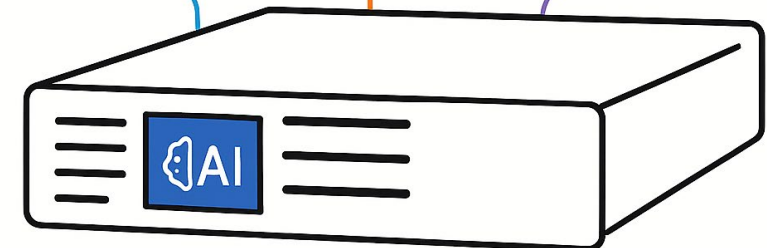
Internal Chatbot



Sentence Structure & Writing Assistance

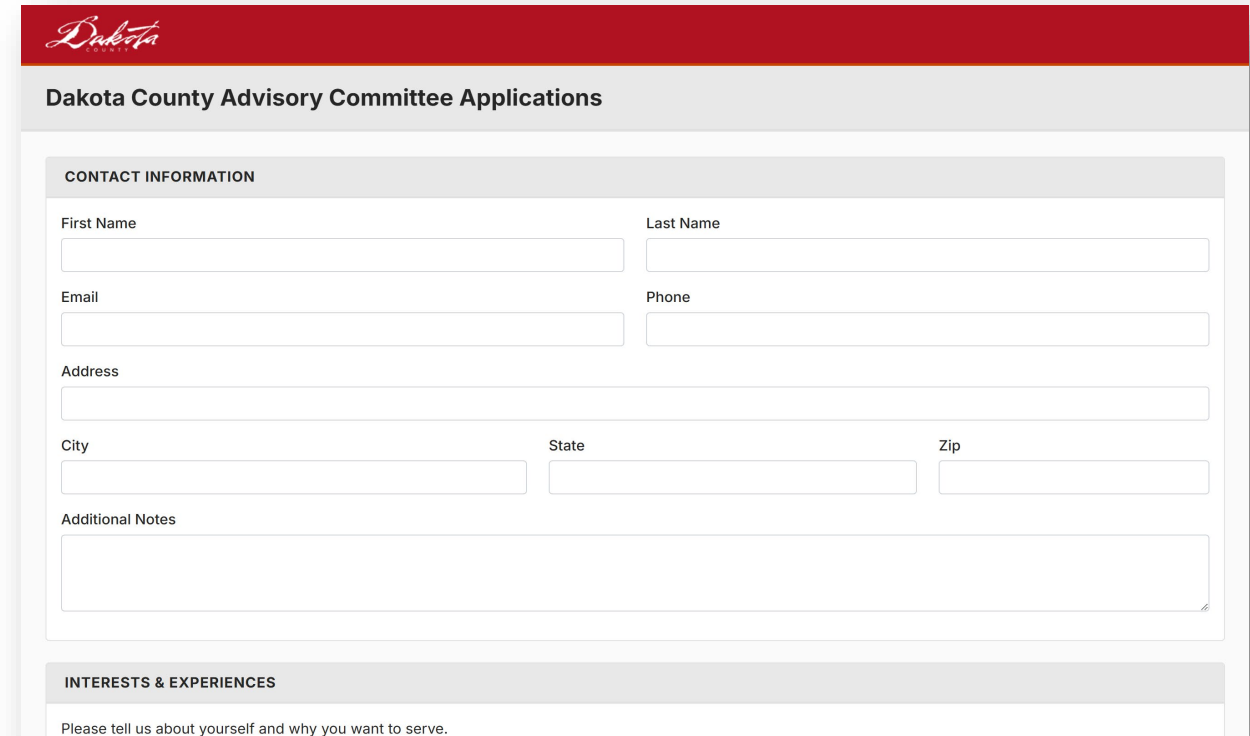


Language Translation



AI Early Win Examples

- ❖ **Advisory Committee Signup** – Advisory committees involve residents in county decisions by providing expertise, feedback, and diverse community perspectives.
- ❖ **DC Forms** – This forms tool is very flexible and provides a secure repository for all types of data that could be entered into the forms. License cost savings by removing dependency on Cognito forms.
- ❖ **Digital Accessibility** – Ability to utilize the coding agent to quickly meet the requirement.
- ❖ **PDF Forms Generation** – Dynamic form generation for digitally accessible PDF resulting in significant cost savings.
- ❖ **Branding Updates** – Enabled the team to apply new branding requirements resulting in significant time savings.



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Dakota County Advisory Committee Applications". The form is divided into two main sections: "CONTACT INFORMATION" and "INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES".

CONTACT INFORMATION

Fields include:

- First Name (text input)
- Last Name (text input)
- Email (text input)
- Phone (text input)
- Address (text input)
- City (text input)
- State (text input)
- Zip (text input)
- Additional Notes (text area)

INTERESTS & EXPERIENCES

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.



Policy # 6012 Use of Artificial Intelligence

Version: 1.00

Effective Date: 4/2/2026

Board or Administrative: Administrative

Policy Statement

It is the policy of Dakota County to utilize established guidelines for the responsible, ethical, and transparent use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies. The goal is to improve service delivery and efficiency while protecting the rights, privacy, and trust of residents.

Definitions¹

- “The County” refers to the officers, employees, agencies, and facilities of Dakota County government.
- “The County Board” refers to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners.
- “Artificial Intelligence” refers to technology that enables computers and machines to simulate human learning, comprehension, problem solving, decision making, creativity and autonomy. This includes but is not limited to Generative AI, Machine Learning, and Agentic AI.

Source

Governing Laws

Minn. Stat. Ch. 13, the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act

Minn. Stat. Section 15.17, Official Records Act

¹ The definition of AI is taken from a definition used by IBM. In addition, portions of this policy were written with the assistance of AI.

Minn. Stat. Section 375.18, subdivision 3, County Board Powers

Other Authorities

Other requirements may be found in other State and Federal statutes, relating to the various activities of the County.

General

The use of AI in Dakota County is subject to all data privacy and retention laws. All employees are expected to comply with these laws and regulations when using AI in their work duties. Artificial Intelligence platforms and their use are to be held to the same standards as other County technical resources and must comply with acceptable use outlined in Dakota County Policy 6001 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources and retention and data practices policies (See Related Policies section).

This policy applies to all individuals (employees, elected officials, volunteers, and contractors).

This policy applies to the use of publicly available, including free and/or purchased tools and the County's own development of Artificial Intelligence tools.

When considering AI use for County business, staff should consult the guiding principles below as well as the procedures for AI use (See Procedures section).

- **Transparency:** Residents and employees will be informed when AI tools are used in directly providing government services.
- **Accountability:** County employees remain responsible for decisions assisted or informed by AI and managers and supervisors are responsible ensuring employees are trained on appropriate use.
- **Fairness and equity:** AI must be designed and deployed to avoid bias or discrimination.
- **Privacy and security:** Staff use of AI must comply with state and federal data protection laws and safeguard personal information.
- **Human oversight:** AI must support, not replace, human judgement in decisions.

Responsibilities of individual users, supervisors and managers, department heads, and Information Technology Personnel related to AI use are consistent with responsibilities for all technical resources outlined in Policy 6001 Acceptable Use of Technology.

The Information Management Steering Committee (IMSC) will review requests for AI use/tools.

Procedures

The IT Department will maintain procedures and forms relating to this policy. Procedures and forms can be found by following the link to the Policy Procedures page.

History

Version	Revision Date
1.0	4/2/2026

Related Policies

- Policy 1013 Data Practices
- Policy 6001 Acceptable Use of Technology Resources
- Policy 6004 Information Security
- Policy 6005 Records Retention and Disposition
- Policy 6010 Cloud Computing
- Policy 6011 Information Security Incident Response

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Approval

/s/ Heidi Welsch; April 2, 2026



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Meeting Date: 6/23/2026

Adjournment