

Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council Meeting

March 11, 2026
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meeting Options

- **Virtual:** Online via Microsoft Teams
- **In-person:** Location available upon request to gisinfo.mngeo@state.mn.us

Agenda

1. Call to order (Mayer)	10:00	10 min
a. Roll call		
b. Approval of Agenda*		
c. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Dec. 17, 2025 and Jan. 14, 2026 *		
2. Review and receive Committee Reports (Mayer)	10:10	5 min
3. Approve modified Committee Work Plans* (Mayer)	10:15	5 min
4. Recap Data Practices Act judicial GIS impacts information session (Mayer)	10:20	5 min
5. Map accessibility presentation (Ewert)	10:25	10 min
6. MN GIS/LIS Consortium updates on awards and Spring Workshops (Coates)	10:35	5 min
7. Committee Presentation 1: Awards (Stovern / Kne)	10:40	10 min
8. Committee Presentation 2: CANDO (Brandt)	10:50	10 min
9. Sector Report 1: City - Greater MN (Krueger)	11:00	10 min
10. Sector Report 2: Tribal Government (Bonney / Ikuta)	11:10	15 min
11. Minnesota Geospatial Information Office updates (Slaats)	11:25	10 min
12. Executive Team updates (Mayer)	11:35	10 min
13. Round Robin / Announcements (All)	11:45	15 min
14. Adjourn* (Mayer)	12:00	

* *Motion required*

Committee Reports

These reports include updates on each committee's [FY2026-27 Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council Priorities](#).

3D Geomatics Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Culvert Data Standard
- Hydro-modified DEMs
- Lidar Data
- Lidar-derived Hydrography

Most Recent Successes

3D Geomatics Steering Committee

- Established meeting schedule and informed GAC of schedule
- Steering Committee met on January 21, and February 18
- Reestablished the monthly meeting and set the meetings for the first half of the year
 - March 18, April 21, May 19
- Reviewed the committee roster confirmed who is on the Accountable and Informed lists
- Began review of Charter and Workplan

HydroGeomorphology/Lidar Derived Hydrography Workgroup

In coordination with DEM Hydro-modification Subgroup.

Lidar-derived Hydrography and Hydro-modified DEM's are two Priority Projects that benefit from work being done to shepherd this work forward. Successes, Tasks, and Barriers are reflective of this combined workflow.

- Focus on Hydrogeo workgroup
- Presentation on breachlines to workgroup

Culvert Data Standard

- The awareness to the larger community: As with breachlines, culverts and culvert collection/datasets are needed to assist with DEM hydro-modification and subsequent derivatives/uses.

Next Activities / Tasks

3D Geomatics Steering Committee

- March 18 meeting will cover a discussion on several issues that have been found with the las point cloud
- Acquisition workgroup will begin looking at next steps in Lake and Pine Counties.
- There is a meeting to discuss contours creation on March 10th
- Preliminary discussions on planning for the 2026 MN GIS/LIS Consortium Conference presentations

- Education workgroup will look at potential next steps and how the MNGAC outreach committee could be involved
- Complete review of Charter and Workplan
- Continue to work with workgroups to update their information on the website

HydroGeomorphology/Lidar Derived Hydrography Workgroup

- Prioritizing value of existing breachlines for future DEM hydromodification of 2ndGEN Certified lidar
 - How do we create a statewide breachline dataset maintained for GIS data users in MN
 - Application to support distribution and intake of new breachline data - creation of and maintenance of application

Culvert Data Standard

- Coordination with small group of SME's to discuss different methods to collect culvert data. This will help inform the attributes needed for each sector.

Barriers

HydroGeomorphology/Lidar Derived Hydrography Workgroup

- Lack of MN Lidar Program with funding for data product creation and long-term maintenance of data and related applications

Culvert Data Standard

- Main Priority Owner time is focused on Lidar and Derivative Development Project

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

None

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [Gerry Sjerven](#) on behalf of the committee.

Archiving Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Geodata Archive Implementation

Most Recent Successes

- Reviewed reports produced by the Archiving Workgroup (2019-2022).
- Composing a communication plan.
- Re-starting the Image Services Sustainability Committee as a subcommittee of Archiving.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Determining an approach to recommend archiving Minnesota geospatial data with the Big Ten Academic Alliance Geospatial Information Network Geodata Collection.

Barriers

None

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

None

Request for Assistance

- Possible near-future need to survey GAC members and/or interested parties about priority data to archive.

Content contributed by [Ryan Mattke](#) on behalf of the committee.

Awards Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

None

Most Recent Successes

None

Next Activities / Tasks

- The Committee will present at the next GAC meeting on March 11th.

Barriers

None

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

N/A

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [Len Kne](#) on behalf of the committee.

Contributing to Nationwide and Commercial Data Assets Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Publication of Open Foundational Datasets

Most Recent Successes

- There was consensus that the ad-hoc CANDO committee has largely met its objectives.
- Several vendors have stated that they use the National Address Database (NAD) to improve their data. (Apple, Esri, Here, OpenStreetMap, and TomTom)
- Esri and TomTom are also making use of local street centerline data. Their preferred method is for data producers to share through the Community Maps program.
- Google has a partnership program for data producers to share local data.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Review objectives at the March 10 meeting.
- Present at the March 11 GAC meeting.

Barriers

- Each vendor has separate ways for data stewards to share their data.

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

None

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [David Brandt](#) on behalf of the committee.

Data Endorsement Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

None

Most Recent Successes

- The Data Endorsement Ad-Hoc Committee has been meeting monthly since February 2025.
- The committee has developed a draft process for data endorsement with two key components:
 1. A process for requesting or proposing that a dataset be considered for GAC endorsement
 2. A process for evaluating the proposal and making a recommendation on whether the dataset should be endorsed
- Committee members are currently testing the draft process by applying it to real datasets.

Next Activities / Tasks

- After testing the process, the committee will identify necessary improvements or modifications, define what the final endorsement considerations and criteria should be, and then prepare for a formal recommendation to the GAC at a future meeting.

Barriers

None

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

N/A

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [Kevin Trappe](#) on behalf of the committee.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Critical Infrastructure Data Workflow
- Options for a Fire Risk Assessment Tool
- US National Grid Map Availability

Most Recent Successes

- The EPC has succeeded in developing a member and observer roster for both the EPC and its subgroups and workgroups.
- The Education Workgroup was revitalized with a resource from HSEM, and we hope to have a deliverable this term.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Dakota County and MnGeo staff are working together to transition hosting and maintenance of USNG data and maps from Dakota County to MnGeo.
- The Researching Options for a Fire Risk Assessment Tool priority resulted in the creation of a new workgroup under the EPC led by Angela Contreras of SFMO. Angela and the committee chair will be writing a charter for the workgroup and starting the process of evaluating project goals and deliverables in March.

Barriers

None

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- Work plan has been updated for GAC approval.

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [Britta Maddox](#) on behalf of the committee.

K-12 Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- K-12 Curated Geospatial Datasets
- K-12 Minnesota Digital Atlas
- Statewide Educator Dataset

Most Recent Successes

- The GAC K-12 Committee has set up a collaboration with the GIS/LIS K-12 committee to make better use of our efforts.
- We have a new definition of our workplan and will be starting to work on it in March.

Next Activities / Tasks

- We will meet as subcommittees on March 13. Our subcommittees include Outreach, Resources and GeoFest.

Barriers

- Time of course.
- At some point we will need funding, but that's where the partnership with GIS/LIS can help.

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- Work plan has been updated for GAC approval.

Request for Assistance

- We will need advice and assistance from various people in MnGeo and the GAC as we move forward with Resource development (GIS data sets). We may also reach out to GAC members to do outreach in your communities.

Content contributed by [Shana Crosson](#) on behalf of the committee.

Outreach Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- GIS Advocacy Resources
- More Fully Attributed Statewide Parcel Data
- Statewide Address Points Data
- Statewide Parcel Data
- Statewide Road Centerline Data
- Success Stories for Geospatial Technology

Most Recent Successes

- MnGeo submitted the GAC and Committee Hub sites developed by Outreach to MNIT Communications for an overall design approval. This will be followed by GAC Executive Team's review.
- Outreach Committee also worked on a one-page write-up on "About GAC." MnGeo will share it with MNIT Communication for branding touch-up together with GAC Hubs review.
- A new priority was assigned to Outreach Committee in FY2026-2027 – GIS Advocacy Resources – Develop an advocacy group and resources to help departments explain the ROI of their GIS projects to county commissioners, administrators, and department heads. A scoping inquiry about GIS/Open Data ROI analysis has been submitted to GAC Executive Team.
- Outreach Committee put together a write-up on GAC's 2025 accomplishments that was included in MNIT GovDelivery Newsletter in January of 2026 – [Mapping Our Milestones: A Year in GIS](#).

Next Activities / Tasks

- Will work on an Open Data glossary and a web app to display Open Data opt-in statuses for counties.
- Align roles and responsibilities for the next round of GAC Hub sites construction.
- Work with MnGeo to define, prioritize, and materialize GIS ROI study for Minnesota vs. Open Data ROI studies at the county level.
- Open Data Subcommittee will continue to work on the following.
 - **Parcels**
 - Encourage counties to contribute more parcel attributes
 - Explore how the Department of Revenue's PRISM data could be used to enhance existing parcel data
 - **Opt-In** – Continue to contact counties about opt-in
 - **Open Data** – How to address counties concerned with becoming an open data county
 - A new communications strategy is under development to address remaining counties who are reluctant to opt-in to parcel data. Case studies are sought.
 - Alternative methods of assisting counties to extract additional parcel attributes are being explored.

Barriers

- Competing demands consuming committee participants' bandwidth to work on committee projects.
- Potential consulting funding needs to conduct a GIS ROI analysis.

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- **Parcels Opt-in status:** Of 87 MN counties, 59 contributed parcels.
- **NG9-1-1 Data Opt-in (address points, road centerlines, and emergency service zones):** 56 counties committed to sharing address points and ESZs. 55 counties opted in to share road centerlines. 2 new counties since last GAC meeting.
- Parcels, address points, and road centerlines are available for download on the [MN Geospatial Commons](#). The data is being refreshed on a quarterly basis.
- The Open Data Subcommittee meets every 12 weeks on Tuesdays from 11-11:50 AM. Our next meeting is April 1st, 2026. Members are asked to report on workgroup tasks between meetings.
- The Outreach Committee convenes at a 6-week interval on a Tuesday from 2-3 PM to monitor GAC Committee Hub sites build progress, the Outreach Committee's engagement activities, as well as communication endeavors. Outreach Committee met on Jan. 7th and Feb. 24th of 2026. Other meeting schedules are published on committee website.

Request for Assistance

- Assistance from MnGeo staff to work with MNIT Communications for branding/contents approval of publications developed by GAC Outreach Committee.
- Support from MnGeo and GAC leadership in defining and prioritizing the scope of GIS advocacy engagement and sponsoring its funding needs if external consulting service is required.

Content contributed by [Jessica Fendos](#) on behalf of the committee.

Parcels and Land Records Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Cadastral Mapping Guidelines
- Statewide County Boundary Dataset
- Statewide Right-of-Way Data
- Updated & Aligned Boundary Data

Most Recent Successes

- A new legislative bill will increase the State Deed tax and the Mortgage Rate tax. This would generate between \$8-10 Million per year. Legislators are looking to change this tax into a direct fee for Remonumentation.
- County boundaries are always a problem. Whether it is a PLSS boundary or a water boundary. The committee is working to increase the accuracy of these boundaries.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Parcel and Land Records Committee has been charged with looking into the Right-of-Way (ROW) mapping priority. This is a problem at the state, county, township and city level. We have not talked about this yet but will in the future.

Barriers

- Money for Remonumentation.
- County complete digital tract index to track all ROW Easements.

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- The ROW issue is something new and we would like a little more direction on this priority.

Request for Assistance

- Talk to your local state legislators about supporting this legislation.

Content contributed by [Pat Veraquth](#) on behalf of the committee.

PLSS Preservation Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Remonumentation of all original federal Section Corners
- Statewide Survey Records Inventory

Most Recent Successes

- A slide will be provided as part of MnGeo update during the GAC Meeting.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Land Survey Record Inventory questions have been distributed and follow-ups will start in April.

Barriers

- Permanent funding of the PLSS Monument Grant Program.

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- Grant projects are being completed that restore PLSS section corners.
- Inventory questionnaire distributed.

Request for Assistance

- We need everyone to talk to the local legislators about supporting PLSS legislation.

Content contributed by [Kory Thurnau](#) on behalf of the committee.

Standards Committee

Responsible Priority Projects and Initiatives

- Bikeways Data Standard Expansion for Trails
- Public Land Survey System Data Standard
- Transportation Asset Standard

Most Recent Successes

- Completed the 90-day public review period for the PLSS Point Data Standard on 2/27/2026.

Next Activities / Tasks

- Work with subject matter experts to respond to PLSS Point Data Standard public review comments and propose revisions to the draft standard.

Barriers

None

Additional Priority Projects and Initiatives Updates

- **Transportation Asset Standard priority:** Owner exists. No workgroup yet.
- **Bikeways Data Standard Expansion for Trails:** No owner or workgroup. Standards Committee leadership is working to connect interested subject matter experts.
- Work plan has been updated for GAC approval.

Request for Assistance

None

Content contributed by [Mark Kotz](#) on behalf of the committee.

Modified Committee Work Plans

The following pages include modified committee work plans submitted for GAC approval.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

FY2026/27 GAC Term Work Plan

Updated 02/2026 with Priority Project Survey Results

Committee Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s):

Britta Maddox, Chair | BMaddox@coonrapidsmn.gov

Matt Goodman, Vice Chair | Goodmanm@stlouiscountymn.gov

Active subgroups/workgroups leadership:

- Critical Infrastructure Assessment Subgroup
Stacey Stark, slstark@d.umn.edu
Matt Goodman, goodmanm@stlouiscountymn.gov
- U.S. National Grid (USNG) Subgroup
Associated Priority Project – USNG Map Availability
Randy Knippel, rdknippel@gmail.com
- Education Workgroup
Carla Coates, carla.coates@state.mn.us or other HSEM representative
- Fire Tools Workgroup *NEW*
Associated Priority Project – Options for a Fire Risk Assessment Tool
Angela Contreras, angela.contreras@state.mn.us

Completed Priorities (from previous term):

- Underground Utilities Mapping Project
- US National Grid

Full Committee Planned Activities:

- Conduct at least three meetings of the full committee during each FY.
- Rick Schute appointed to serve as EPC liaison to the Metropolitan Emergency Managers Association (MEMA) by attending that association's monthly meetings.
- Matt Goodman appointed to serve as EPC liaison to the Association of Metro Area Emergency Managers (AMEM)
- Continue engaging and liaising with members of the emergency management and public safety community to increase awareness of GIS across public safety
- Assess EPC membership roster by establishing a process for opting in to the EPC as a Member or Observer – Completed Fall 2025 with the implementation of the committee survey on our website

Subgroup and Workgroup Priority Projects, Planned Activities and Deliverables:

Critical Infrastructure Assessment Subgroup – MnGAC PRIORITY

- Conduct at least three meetings of the Project Team during each FY of the term.
- Explore long-term workflows to keep fire, law enforcement verified annually by MN counties.
- Work with the Data Endorsement Workgroup to test data in the endorsement process
- Work with the Contributing to Nationwide and Commercial Data Assets Workgroup to explore distribution of the MN C.I. data sets
- Participate in MnGeoCommons data collection conversations – and/or revise the collection currently on the MnGeo
- Update 1-page sheet for Critical Infrastructure Assessment WG
- Document a long-term workflow to maintain the critical infrastructure resource list on the MnGeo website.
- Entirely dependent on completion of work by the Data Endorsement Committee, complete the first statewide endorsed critical infrastructure data set.

U.S. National Grid (USNG) Subgroup – MnGAC PRIORITY

- Original priority work completed
- New priority project assigned as part of the priority project survey for FY26-27 – USNG Map Availability

- Coordinate with MnGeo to host and maintain USNG Maps

Randy's work with the US National Grid Institute will continue as will outreach efforts to find a new USNG Champion for the State of MN. Through USNGI, Randy plans to assist other government entities with publication of USNG maps for their areas of responsibility.

Education Workgroup

- Revitalized after discussions between former chair Cory Richter and Carla Coates
- HSEM has a resource for coordinating a database of GIS individuals willing and able to assist during an activation of an EOC but was lacking documentation of necessary and preferred qualifications for said individuals. The EPC's Education Project Team had the qualification documentation and related resources but was lacking a platform by which to implement and maintain a list.
- Goals by the end of FY26 -
 - HSEM and Education team meet to discuss what each side brings to the table and to brainstorm how to implement it
 - **Deliverable** – platform with related necessary and preferred qualification guidelines available for users to sign-up as volunteer GIS resources during any EOC activation where GIS assistance is requested.
 - HSEM to present on their EMAC program at the August or November 2026 EPC meeting

Fire Tools Workgroup - NEW MnGAC Priority

- FY26 - Workgroup charter will be written to formalize this group
- FY26 - Meeting cadence will be set along with list of deliverables and goals and how to assess completion of this priority project
- Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office is taking the lead on this project

Date Approved by the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council:

K-12 Education Committee

FY2024/25 Term Report & FY2026/27 Work Plan

Committee Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s):

Chair: Shana Crosson,
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Vice Chair: Open

FY2024/25 GAC Term Report

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25: July 2023 - June 2025

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee was responsible for during the term.

- The K-12 Education Committee is responsible for the Outreach, K-12 GIS Resources Priority.
- *Revised: 2/2026: Adding these priority projects:*
 - *K-12 Curated Geospatial Datasets*
 - *K-12 Minnesota Digital Atlas*
 - *Statewide Educator Dataset*

Accomplishments

This was the initial year of the K-12 Committee. Accomplishments include:

- Initial determination of goals and scope of the committee
- Developed a plan for the year
- Initial conversations with educators and administrators about barriers for GIS integration
- Presented at GIS/LIS Conference in October 2024
- Tabled at GEOFEST in October 2024
- Reviewed existing resources in the state

Recommendations

Recommendations for the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) to support the Committee's goals.

MnGeo has provided excellent support in our initial year. Ongoing, it may be helpful to have MnGeo facilitate introductions to resources within state government and/or other areas.

Additional Comments

The committee met regularly through December 2024. The chair was out on medical leave from January - May 2025, so work slowed. The committee is picking up the work again.

FY2026/27 GAC Term Work Plan

FY2026/27: July 2025 - June 2027

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee is to be responsible for during the upcoming term – these may be subject to change based on results of the term's priorities survey.

- The K-12 Education Committee is responsible for the Outreach, K-12 GIS Resources Priority.

Planned Activities and Deliverables

- The committee plans to continue its exploration of available GIS resources for K-12 education
- Determine gaps in available resources
- Additional discussion with teachers and administrators about desired resources
- Develop a plan to create additional resources
- *Revised 2/26:*
 - *The committee has joined with the GIS/LIS K12 Committee to make better use of our time*
 - *The committee will break into subcommittees for Resources, Outreach and Geofest.*
 - *The Resources subcommittee will take responsibility for the additional priorities and determine what is reasonable to accomplish this year.*

Roles and Responsibilities

- Chair: the Chair will call meetings, prepare agenda with input of the committee, submit reports to the GAC
- Vice-Chair: will cover these responsibilities in the absence of the Chair
- Committee members will attend meetings and develop workplans

Existing Resources

- The committee has connected with other resources, including GIS/LIS, U-Spatial and other organizations and individuals working in this area

Committee and Subgroup Needs

- Continue to develop relationships with K-12 to determine needs and interest

Risks

- That no one is interested in participating in this committee
- That there is no demonstrated need for these resources in the community
- Teachers may have technological and organizational challenges that prevent successful use of these resources in classrooms

Date approved by the Geospatial Advisory Council: Expected May 21, 2025

Standards Committee

FY2024/25 Term Report & FY2026/27 Work Plan

Committee Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s):

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Curt Carlson, Co-chair
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Dennis Tumberg, Vice-Chair/Liaison to GAC
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Active subgroups and associated leadership:

None

FY2024/25 GAC Term Report

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25: July 2023 - June 2025

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee was responsible for during the term.

- None

Accomplishments

- Small modifications to standards and templates to increase clarity and consistency.
 - Updated domain split policy in the geodatabase template
 - Standardized examples, descriptions and domain for the ESNs
 - Revision of element section name in Address Points Data Standard
- Worked with the Cadastral Point Data Standard subject matter experts from the PLSS Preservation and Parcels and Land Records Committees to review a draft standard proposal including clarification of scope, clarity and consistency of language and domains and moving it into the GAC standards format.

- Worked with the Lake and Wetland Basin ID subject matter experts to revise the standard initially approved by the Governor’s Council on Geographic Information and move it into the GAC standards format.

Recommendations

Recommendations for the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) to support the Committee’s goals.

None

Additional Comments

None

FY2026/27 GAC Term Work Plan

FY2026/27: July 2025 - June 2027

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee is to be responsible for during the upcoming term – these may be subject to change based on results of the term’s priorities survey.

- Public Land Survey System Data Standard
- Transportation Asset Standard
- Bikeways Data Standard Expansion for Trails

Planned Activities and Deliverables

- **PLSS Point Data Standard:** In conjunction with subject matter experts from the PLSS Preservation and Parcels and Land Records Committees, complete an initial draft of the PLSS Point Data Standard, publish it for 90-day public review. Continue to move it through the GAC standard approval process, including responding to comments, revision of standard, possible additional public review, and final request for GAC approval.
- **Lake and Wetland Basin ID Standard:** In conjunction with subject matter experts from DNR, complete a revised draft of the Lake and Wetland Basin ID Standard in the GAC format and submit it to the GAC for approval.
- **Transportation Asset Standard:** Be the GAC committee home for assistance and advice to ad-hoc subject matter expert group developing a draft Transportation Asset Standard. Amy Harrigan has accepted the role of Owner of this GAC priority.
- **Trails Data Standard:** The GAC priority “Bikeways Data Standard Expansion for Trails” currently has no identified owner or workgroup. Until those roles are filled by subject matter experts from the geospatial community, no progress is expected on this priority.
- Continued making refinements to existing standards as needed for clarity and consistency.
- The Standards Committee meets on an as needed basis. It does not have a regular meeting schedule.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **Committee members:**

Norm Anderson	MnGeo
Victor Barnett	Ramsey County
Marcia Broman	Retired
Curt Carlson	MnGeo
Amy Harrigan	MnDOT
Jon Hoekenga	Metropolitan Council
Mark Kotz	Retired
Linse Lahti	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Peter Morey	Minnesota Department of Transportation
Phil Nagel	Bolton & Menk
Pamela Oslin	Metropolitan Emergency Services Board
Nancy Rader	Retired
Bart Richardson	Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
Chad Riley	Carver County
Dennis Tumberg	City of Chanhassen
Mark Volz	Lyon County

- The committee does not have formal standing subgroups but does assist ad-hoc groups of subject matter experts working on proposed standards or revisions of standards. Typically, the committee co-chairs work with subject matter experts once a first draft is created and bring revised drafts to the full committee for further review.

Existing Resources

- Existing resources include committee member and subject matter expert time and talent and MnGeo staff time to maintain the GAC Standards web content.

Committee and Subgroup Needs

- The committee has no outstanding needs at this time.

Dependencies and Interrelationships

- The Standards Committee's role is to manage a process whereby subject matter experts (SMEs) from the geospatial community can submit draft standards or proposed revisions to standards for possible approval by the GAC. The Standards Committee does not get involved in the creation of those initial draft standards or revisions except that the co-chairs are available to help SME workgroups understand the process. Once a first draft is ready, the co-chairs typically work with the SME workgroup to help hone the draft before it is submitted to the Standards Committee. Currently the committee is working

with chairs from the PLSS Preservation and Parcels and Land Records Committees on the draft PLSS Point Data Standard.

Risks

- The development and revision of standards is a slow process, in part because it tends to nearly always be an activity that is not a normal part of anyone's job role. It can also require a significant time expenditure, particularly when developing a new standard. Because of this, work on standards can have unpredictable timeframes and may be paused for significant amounts of time due to the non-availability of expert knowledge and talent.

Additional Comments

None.

Date approved by the Geospatial Advisory Council: Revision submitted for approval at March 11, 2026 GAC meeting.