

ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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Introduction

As required by Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 299E.04, the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security (Advisory Committee) provides advice and recommendations to the Governor and Legislature regarding security priorities, strategies for addressing these priorities, and recommendations for funding to implement the strategies. The Advisory Committee is required to submit a report to the Governor, Legislature, and Minnesota Supreme Court by January 15 of each year.

The Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security (Advisory Committee) consists of six members appointed as follows:

- The Lieutenant Governor;
- Two Senators including one member from the majority party appointed by the Senate Majority Leader, and one member from the minority party appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- Two members of the House of Representatives including one member appointed by the Speaker of the House, and one member appointed by the Minority Leader; and
- The Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court or the designee of the Chief Justice.

These individuals served as 2022 Advisory Committee members:

- Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan (Chair)
- Chief Justice Lorie Gildea
- Senator Warren Limmer
- Senator Scott Dibble
- Representative Ryan Winkler
- Representative Jim Nash

The Advisory Committee is required by law to meet quarterly to assess the status of security in the Capitol Complex Area. For this purpose, the Advisory Committee consults with the Commissioners of Public Safety (DPS) and Administration (Admin), the Executive Secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate and House of Representatives. The law requires the Advisory Committee to seek additional advice from individuals with security development experience in a college or university environment, in the courts, and in a private Minnesota company.

The Advisory Committee reports annually to the Governor, the chairs and ranking minority members of the Legislative committees with jurisdiction over the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the Department of Public Safety, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. The report provides a general assessment of the status of security in the Capitol Complex Area, describes implemented improvements, and recommends improvements for the future.

In 2022, the Advisory Committee met on January 21 and August 24. The focus of these meetings was to review previous initiatives and security assessment reports.

Appendix A identifies the mission statement and guiding principles that the Advisory Committee follows. During 2022, the Advisory Committee continued to seek input from state agencies and stakeholders. As required by statute, the Advisory Committee also solicited input from an individual with experience designing and implementing security for a public college or university campus, an individual with experience designing and implementing security for courts, and an individual with experience designing and implementing security for a private Minnesota company (see Appendix B).

General Overview of Security within the Capitol Complex Area

The Capitol Complex Area as defined by Minnesota Statute 15B.02 consists of 16 buildings and 25 parking facilities spread across 140 acres in the City of Saint Paul. The Capitol Complex Area reported crime rates are historically low as compared to adjacent areas of the city. Visible security deterrents including the presence of the Minnesota State Patrol and Capitol Security officers as well as physical security enhancements contribute to the lower crime rate. Although crime rates are lower, vulnerabilities are continually evaluated as are improvements for ensuring the safety and security of those who work in and visit the Capitol Complex Area.

The Department of Public Safety, through the State Patrol Capitol Security Section, provides security, law enforcement services, and emergency management direction for the Capitol Complex Area. Security resources on the Complex are deployed based on threat assessments, perceived vulnerabilities, and stakeholder input.

The Capitol Security Section's full-staffing complement consists of 75 civilian security officers, 34 state troopers, one emergency manager, seven communications personnel and one explosive-detecting canine.

- The civilian Security Officers are assigned duties at fixed posts within select Capitol Complex Area buildings as well as foot, bicycle, and squad patrol duties.
- Minnesota State Troopers are responsible for command and administration of the Capitol Security Section and law enforcement operations for the entire Capitol Complex Area.
- The Emergency Manager is responsible for coordinating emergency preparedness planning on the Capitol Complex. In addition, the emergency manager facilitates training, drills, and workshops to enhance the preparedness of employees on the Capitol Complex.
- The Communications Division of Capitol Security continuously monitors 101,613 alarm and automation points, 377 emergency intercoms, and 981 security cameras. In addition, communications staff is responsible for dispatching law enforcement and security personnel to calls for assistance.

Despite funding for an additional 21 state troopers and 13 security officers for the Capitol Complex in 2021, filling these additional positions has been challenging for external reasons. DPS continues working to fill open positions as quickly as possible. Regardless of these challenges, one additional state patrol trooper and one additional sworn supervisor were added in 2022, and five additional troopers will be added in the first half of 2023.

Recent Improvements in Security

The Department of Public Safety and the Department of Administration continue to focus on public safety initiatives and security improvements for the Capitol Complex Area.

In the 2018 legislative session, \$10.0 million general obligation (GO) bond revenues were appropriated to the Commissioner of Administration for Capitol Complex physical security upgrades. This only partially funds the recommendations made by the advisory committee. Consequently, the initiative remains underfunded.

In September 2018, the Department of Administration awarded the design and construction administration contract for the upgrades to Miller Dunwiddie following their completion of the predesign for this initiative. In 2019, JE Dunn was hired as the construction management firm for the project to assist and validate design for constructability, to verify costs, and manage the construction throughout the life of the project. The primary work elements of the project consisted of installation of new security kiosks, hardening of existing kiosks, installation of metal detection systems, construction of bollards, installation of blast resistant glass on vulnerable windows, installation of security cameras and key card readers, and construction of security enhancements around critical infrastructure at various buildings on the Capitol Complex.

The project, also known as Capitol Complex Physical Security Upgrades Phase I, was completed in 2021. To date we have received no additional funds for the remaining security deficiencies identified in the 2017 physical security upgrade predesign. We updated the predesign document in 2021 and 2022 to revalidate cost and scope. We currently have an unfunded requirement of \$56M in physical security deficiencies which have not been addressed. In spite of the lack of funding for Phase II security upgrades, the following security projects/initiatives were completed in 2022 including:

- Installation of 54 additional cameras with access monitoring at central Capitol Security
- Installed 2 emergency intercoms
- Weapons screening of visitors to the Minnesota Judicial Center began in January 2022.

We are planning to start a card reader upgrade in 2023. We will be upgrading all legacy card readers with the new, more secure, technology. The new readers have the ability to use a more secure encrypted ID badge/credential.

Recommended Future Improvements

As members of the Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security, we present the following recommendations to enhance public safety and individual security in the Capitol Complex Area:

The Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security recommends that the Legislature continue to support its initiatives to enhance operational and physical security on the Capitol Complex. The physical security enhancements recently completed represents roughly 35% of the total physical security need. The Legislature did not fund the \$46.4 million we recommended in our 2022 Report. The absence of full funding for the security upgrades over the past 10 years leaves over half of the Capitol Complex population and building square footage without programmed physical security improvements. Therefore the Committee recommends that the legislature authorize \$40.341 million in general obligation bonds and \$15.702 million from the general fund to cover the cost of work and construction inflation to complete all of the physical security upgrades to the Capitol Complex as identified in the Miller Dunwiddie study and predesign completed in 2014 and 2017 respectively and to incorporate additional security enhancements for crowd control and vandalism protection for the Capitol Mall, grounds surrounding the Minnesota Senate building, Minnesota Senate Building Lobby, and Governor's Residence as identified by the updates to that predesign..

The Advisory Committee is also considering additional other security improvements related to staffing, training and equipment. These actions are necessary to improve safety and security for those who work on and visit the Capitol Complex.

APPENDIX A

Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security Mission Statement

The Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security is committed to ensuring the safety of the people, assets, process of government, and buildings within the Capitol Complex. To accomplish this, the Committee has adopted a layered, all-hazards approach that adheres to the following principles:

- The Capitol, Minnesota Senate, and State Office Buildings must remain open in both reality and perception. Security in these buildings must (1) ensure that processes of government remain accessible to all citizens, (2) ensure the safety of visitors and all participants in these processes, and (3) respect Cass Gilbert's vision for the Capitol building.
- Other buildings on the Capitol Complex, to the extent appropriate and feasible, should remain open. Appropriate security measures in these buildings must be in place to ensure the safety of state employees, military personnel, Minnesota citizens, and their data.
- The Capitol Complex Security Plan should be focused on long-term solutions and leverage a risk-based approach that adequately addresses identified risk areas and levels in each state building.
- The DPS team responsible for Capitol Security should have access to the resources it needs to ensure the safety of the Capitol Complex, the people who work there, and the citizens who visit in order to ensure continuity of state government operations.

APPENDIX B

Committee Advisors

Department of Administration

Commissioner Alice Roberts-Davis
Director of Facilities Management Chris Guevin

Department of Public Safety

Lieutenant Colonel Rochelle Schrofer
Major Sean Meagher
Captain Eric Roeske

Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board

Executive Secretary Paul Mandell (January – June)
Executive Secretary Merritt Clapp-Smith (July – Present)

Minnesota Historical Society

Historic Site Manager Brian Pease
Director of Public Policy and Community Relations David Kelliher

Sergeant-at-Arms, Minnesota Senate

Sergeant-at-Arms Sven Lindquist
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms Marilyn Logan

Sergeant-at-Arms, Minnesota House

Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Meyerson (January to November)
Sergeant-at-Arms Lori Hodapp (November to Present)

Security Advisors – College or University

Lieutenant Troy Buhta, University of Minnesota Police Department

Security Advisor – Courts

Commander John Eastham - Court and Security Services, Ramsey County Sheriff's Department

Private Minnesota Company

Andy Landon, Target Corporation

APPENDIX C Draft Legislation

Capitol Complex - Physical Security Upgrades, Phase II

40,341,000

For the continuation of design, construction, and equipping required to upgrade the physical security elements and systems for the Capitol Mall and the buildings listed below, their attached tunnel systems, their surrounding grounds, and parking facilities as identified in the 2017 Minnesota State Capitol Complex Physical Security Predesign completed by Miller Dunwiddie with 2022 updates. Work includes but is not limited to the installation of bollards, blast protection, infrastructure security screen walls, door access controls, emergency call stations, security kiosks, locking devices, and traffic and crowd control devices. This appropriation includes money for work associated with the following buildings: Administration, Ag/Health Lab, BCA, Capitol, Centennial, Governor's Residence Judicial Center, Minnesota History Center, Capitol Complex Power Plant and Shops, Stassen, State Office, and Veterans Service.

Capitol Complex - Physical Security Upgrades, Phase II

15,702,000

From the general fund in fiscal year 2022, for the continuation of design, construction, and equipping required to upgrade the physical security elements and systems for the buildings listed below, their attached tunnel systems, their surrounding grounds, and parking facilities as identified in the 2017 Minnesota State Capitol Complex Physical Security Predesign completed by Miller Dunwiddie with 2022 updates. Work includes but is not limited to the installation of bollards, blast protection, infrastructure security screen walls, door access controls, emergency call stations, security kiosks, locking devices, and traffic and crowd control devices. This appropriation includes money for work associated with the Andersen, Freeman, Minnesota Senate, Retirement Systems, and Transportation Buildings. The funds shall be made available until fully spent.