

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday August 5, 2024 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
 Rondo Community Library - 461 Dale St. N., St. Paul, MN 55103
 Flex Room (1st Floor)

1. Call to Order: Chair Nancy Haas called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jason Yang

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Excused	Unexcused
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Eugene (Gene) Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Lisa M. Laliberte – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	John Niedfeldt-Thomas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas - Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Prince Corbett	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bethany Winkels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	William (Bill) Lindeke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Jazmin Glaser-Kelly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gloria Bogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Hoang Murphy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew Emerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jo Emerson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	William (Bill) Kempe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Jonathan (Jon) Schumacher	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Allen Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: A quorum of the Commission members shall consist of a majority of the number of appointed and sworn members, as of August 2024 quorum is 9 members.

Guests: Jennifer O’Rourke, Director, Government Relations
 Ami Wazlawik, Government Relations Specialist, Government Relations
 Jolie Wood, Government Relations Specialist, Government Relations

Also Present: Stacey D’Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office
 Jason Yang, Planner, Ramsey County Manager’s Office

3. Approval of August 5, 2024 Agenda: Motioned by John Niedfeldt-Thomas, and seconded by Mathew Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.

4. Approval of the May 6, 2024 Minutes: Motioned by John Niedfeldt-Thomas, and seconded by Mathew Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.
5. New Business
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Presentation: 2024 Ramsey County Legislative Session
 - i. Co-presented by Jennifer O'Rourke, Director, and Ami Wazlawik, Government Relations Specialist, Ramsey County Government Relations Department
 - ii. Provided an overview of the 2024 Legislative Session, including state bonds for the Parks at RiversEdge and the Rice Creek Commons in Arden Hills.
 1. 2024 Legislative priorities can be found at www.ramseycounty.us/legislativeplatforms
 - iii. Commission members discussion included:
 1. Anaerobic digester, Union Depot insurance and liability, additional projects related to public transport and railroads,
 - iv. Concerns include:
 1. Safety issues for roundabout areas in the TCAAP/Arden Hills area (ie. flooding, crosswalks, signage)
 - c. Onboarding Materials Discussion
 - i. Co-presented by Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Jason Yang, Planner, County Managers Office
 - ii. Reviewed and discussed roles and responsibilities
 1. Opportunity: Can out going chair review roles and responsibilities and provide feedback/suggestions to role and responsibilities?
 - iii. Update Red Binder with updated onboarding materials (ie. roles and responsibilities)
6. Citizen Input (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. None for input.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Chair Reports – Chair Nancy Haas
 - i. No reports.

- b. Budget Committee Report – Chair Matthew Emerson
 - i. No reports
 - c. Charter Review Committee Report – Co-Chairs Matthew Emerson and Eugene Nichols
 - i. Reviewed the Home Rule Charter, but there are no recommendations.
 - ii. Action Items:
 - 1. Review the state statute regarding city charters
 - 2. Compare city charters and other chartered counties with Ramsey County’s Home Rule Charter
 - d. Nomination Committee Report – Chair Eugene Nichols
 - i. What is the role and responsibility of the members?
 - 1. Ann – spoke with members to see who would be interested in the Chair and Vice Chair role
 - a. For consideration: Chair – John Niedfeldt-Thomas, Vice-Chair – Matthew Emerson.
8. Meeting Dates and Tentative Location for 2024
- a. October 21, 2024 – Location TBD
9. Future Agenda Item
- a. Recycling and Energy presenter
 - b. Presentation on Minnesota Statute Chapter 383A
10. Adjournment
- a. Chair Nancy Haas motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bethany Winkels. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday October 21, 2024 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Location: TBD