

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday, February 3, 2025 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
White Bear Lake Library
2150 2nd street, White Bear Lake, MN, 55110

1. Call to Order: Chair John Niedfeldt-Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jackie Sucura

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	John Niedfeldt-Thomas – Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	John W. Provo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	(Vacant)	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gloria Bogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew Emerson – Vice-Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jo Emerson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	(Vacant)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Markeya Knight	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 simple majority of members present at a meeting is sufficient for adoption of any motion, except for motion (1) to amend the bylaws, or (2) to submit a proposed amendment to an election. For these votes, a majority equal to quorum is required.

Guests: N/A

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

3. Motion to amend February 3, 2025 agenda adding a round of introductions motioned by Eugene Nichols and seconded by Gloria Bogen. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - a. Motion to approve the amended February 3, 2025 agenda. Motioned by Ann Malansky-Takahashi and seconded by Eugene Nichols. Unanimously approved by all members present.
4. Motion to table the October 21, 2024 Minutes: Motioned by Eugene Nichols and seconded by William Lindeke. Unanimously approved by all members present.
5. Round of introductions.
6. New Business
 - a. 2025 Workplan Discussion
 - b. Focus – Charter Review – overview provided by Matthew Emerson, to determine any new interest from current members.
 - i. Budget Committee
 - ii. Charter Review
 - c. Additional topics – Community Outreach
 - i. Interests in future presentations:
 1. Language for Ramsey County had Ballot Measure for initiative measure
 2. TCAAP
 3. Homelessness including youth in Ramsey County
 4. Green Energy
 5. Purple/Gold Line
 6. Community Development Block Grant
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Chair Reports
 - i. Motion to post vacancy in District 2 per Lisa Laliberte’s resignation. Motioned by William Lindeke and seconded by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
 - b. Budget Committee Reports .
 - i. John Provo and Gloria Bogen to support Charter Review Committee.
 - ii. Determine further interest for Budget Committee
 1. None currently; Any interests should reach out to Matt Emerson
 - c. Charter Review Committee Report
 - d. Nomination Committee Report
8. Citizens Input (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. None for input.

9. Meeting Dates and Locations for 2025

- a. May 5, 2025 – Plato Conference Center – Auditorium 128
- b. August 4, 2025 – TBD (Tentative Maplewood Library)
- c. October 20, 2025 – TBD

10. Adjournment

- a. Chair Niedfeldt-Thomas motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:36 p.m. Motion by William Lindeke, seconded by Eugene Nichols. Unanimously approved by all members present.

Next Meeting: Monday May 5, 2025
Location: Plato Conference Center – Auditorium 128