

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday February 5, 2024 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Plato Conference Center, 90 Plato Blvd West, Saint Paul, MN 55107

1. Call to Order: Chair Nancy Haas called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
2. Roll Call Attendance: Completed by Jason Yang

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Excused	Unexcused
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1	Eugene (Gene) M. 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Bethany Winkels	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	William (Bill) A. 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 S. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Allen E. Hoppe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests:

Also Present: James Mogen, Assistant County Attorney
 Ramsey County Attorney's Office
 Jason Yang, Planning Specialist,
 Ramsey County Manager's Office

3. Approval of February 5, 2024 Agenda: Motioned by Bethany Winkels, and seconded by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.
4. Approval of the October 16, 2023 Minutes: Motioned by Gloria Bogen and seconded by Bethany Winkels. Unanimously approved by all members present.

5. New Business
 - a. Welcome and Introductions
 - b. Workshop: Training and Orientation for Charter Commission Members
 - i. Presented by Chair Nancy Haas and County Attorney James Mogen
 - ii. James Mogen provided an overview of Open Meeting Laws, Parliamentary Procedures, the by-laws and purpose of the Charter Commission which include:
 1. Periodically review the Home Rule Charter
 2. Propose amendments to the Home Rule Charter and if approved by Charter Commission, amendments are put on an election ballot
 3. Review Ramsey County proposed budget and provide input
 4. Review proposed changes to an ordinance if the Ramsey County Board of Commissioner
 - iii. Chair Haas provided an overview of roles and responsibilities of the Charter Commission members, including how to opt-in for compensation.
 - c. Updated Request for Opinion of the Attorney General
 - i. Chair Haas provided an overview of the request that was submitted to her during the summer of 2023, then provided an update on the requested opinion of the Attorney General.
 1. Members also asked clarifying questions, but will there was no discussion until Rachel Tierney hears back from the Attorney General.
6. Citizen Input (7:30 p.m.)
 - a. None for input.
7. Committee Reports
 - a. Chair Reports – Chair Nancy Haas
 - i. Recommended each committee to develop a workplan for 2024 and to develop a proposed workplan for 2025.
 - b. Budget Committee Report – Chair Matthew Emerson
 - i. Members: Angie, Bethany, Ann
 - ii. No new updates, committee members had an opportunity to reflect on the budget letter submitted for the 2024-2025 Ramsey County Proposed Budget and Tax Levy.
 - c. Charter Review Committee Report – Co-Chairs Matthew Emerson and Eugene Nichols
 - i. Members: Bethany, Gloria
 - ii. Members discussed new ideas for review committee:
 1. Review city-based Home Rule Charters to provide better clarity for Ramsey County’s Home Rule Charter.
 - iii. Meeting cadence is in June
 - d. Nomination Committee Report – Chair Eugene Nichols
 - i. Members: Ann,
 - ii. Members discussed the timeline for the electing the new Chair and Vice-Chair in October 2025.

8. Meeting Dates and Location for 2024
 - a. May 6, 2024 – Maplewood Library, Community Program Room
 - b. August 5, 2024 – Highland Park Library, 2nd Floor - Community Room
 - c. October 21, 2024 – Roseville Library, Community Program Room
9. Future Agenda Item
 - a. Review the petitions process for amendments between city charters and county charter.
10. Adjournment
 - a. Chair Nancy Haas adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday May 6, 2024 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Maplewood Library, Community Program Room
3025 Southlawn Drive, Maplewood, Minnesota 55109