

## RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION MINUTES

Monday October 16, 2023 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Merriam Park Library, Meeting Room B, 1831 Marshall Ave, St Paul, MN 55104

1. Call to Order: Acting Chair Jazmin Glaser-Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Chair Haas arrived at 6:13 p.m. and was present during the rest of the meeting.

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) M. Nichols	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Lisa M. Laliberte – Vice Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Vacant	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Gloria Bogen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Hoang Murphy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Matthew S. Emerson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	William (Bill) Kempe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Shelby Gagnon	<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:

Rachel Tierney, Attorney, Kennedy & Graven Law Firm  
Ryan T. O'Connor, Ramsey County Manager

Also Present:

Jim Mogen, Assistant County Attorney  
Ramsey County Attorney's Office  
Jason Yang, Planning Specialist,  
Ramsey County Manager's Office

3. Approval of Monday October 16, 2023 Agenda: Motioned by Bill Kempe and seconded by Mathew Emmerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.

4. Approval of the August 7 Minutes: Motioned by Allen Hoppe and seconded by Bill Kempe.

Unanimously approved by all members present.

5. New Business

A. Introduction of New Ramsey County Charter Commission Members

- i. District 3 – Prince Corbett

B. Proposed Ramsey County 2024-2025 Budget Presentation

- i. Presented by County Manager Ryan O'Connor

- 1. Provided an overview of the proposed 2024-2025 Ramsey County budget and tax levy. Also shared a high-level overview of budgets for each Ramsey County Service teams, updates about COVID-19 in-person service deliveries, technology and building infrastructures, and increasing collaborations across the organization.

- a. Provided a snapshot of service team budgets to showcase scope of each budget. Also described the tax levy increases due to changing funding source from the state and federal government.

C. Declare a Vacancy – District 7

- i. Motion to Declare a Vacancy: motioned by Bill Kempe, seconded by Matthew Emerson. Unanimously approved by all members present.

D. Accept Resignation and Declare a Vacancy – District 2

- i. Unexcused absences (February 6, 2023, May 1, 2023, and August 7, 2023)
- ii. Motion to Declare a Vacancy: motioned by Hoang Murphy, seconded by Bill Kempe. Unanimously approved by all members present.

E. Approve Proposed Meeting Dates for 2024

- i. January 2024 (Orientation) – Date to be Determined
- ii. February 5, 2024, May 6, 2024, August 5, 2024, October 21, 2024
- iii. Motioned by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi and seconded by Hoang Murphy. Unanimously approved by all members present.

F. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- i. Motioned by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi and seconded by Gloria Bogen. Unanimously approved by all members present.
- ii. Chair – Nancy Haas
- iii. Vice - Chair – Lisa Laliberte

6. Citizen Input (7:30 p.m.)

- A. None for input.

## 7. Committee Reports

### A. Chair Reports – Chair Nancy Haas

- i. Request legal guidance on petition numbers to adequately present a ballot question to amend the Home Rule Charter
  1. Discussion: 2 options are available:
    - a. Minnesota Statute says 5% of registered voters (~15,000 votes)
    - b. Charter says 5% of residence in Ramsey County (~10,000 voters)
      - i. Members discussed the title and role of a county manager, county administrator, and county executive.
  2. Recommendation from Rachel Tierney is to ask for legal advice from the Attorney General, but the request will need to come from the Ramsey County Attorney's Office.
- ii. Motion to approve Commission's request for Counsel to seek legal guidance on petition numbers for an adequate ballot measure, by Bill Kempe and seconded by Allen Hoppe. Unanimously approved by all members present.

### B. Officer Nomination Committee

- i. Chair – Eugene Nichols
- ii. Current Members: Ann Maslansky-Takahashi

### C. Budget Committee Report – Matthew Emerson

- i. Provided an overview and members had a discussion on the letter.
- ii. Motion to approve Budget Letter and give committee authority to make final edits and send to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners by Hoang Murphy and seconded by William Lindeke. Unanimously approved by all members present.

### D. Charter Review Committee Report – Co-Chair Matthew Emerson

- i. More discussion and review needed by the committee.
- ii. New Members: Gloria Bogen

## 8. Future Agenda Items

- A. A member suggested reviewing the Charter and giving the Charter Commission ideas on areas to review/update.

## 9. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn by Allen Hoppe, seconded by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi. Chair Nancy Haas adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Next Meeting: Orientation and On-Boarding Meeting in January (TBD)  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Location To Be Determined