

RAMSEY COUNTY CHARTER COMMISSION

Minutes of Monday, August 2, 2021 – 7 PM

Location: Ramsey County Public Works – Marsden Room
 1425 Paul Kirkwood Drive, Arden Hills, MN 55112
 (Ample parking in lot by main entrance of the second building)

MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair Nancy Haas called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. ROLL CALL Attendance: Completed by Sia Xiong.

District	Charter Commission Member	Present	Absent
1	Ann Maslansky-Takahashi	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	Steven Reeves	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Ache Wakai	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Joann Knuth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Nancy Haas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Susan Flores-Diaz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Bethany Winkels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Sharon Garth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Joshua (Josh) Ortiz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Sebastian Ellefson	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Hoang Murphy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Tony Parrish, Sr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	John O’Phelan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	William (Bill) Kempe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Angela (Angie) Thies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Susan (Sue) Majerus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
At Large	Vacant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also present: Amy Schmidt, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney’s Office
 Mee Cheng, Chief Clerk – County Board
 Sia Xiong, Administrative Planning Assistant

Guests Jennifer O’Rourke, Government Relations

3. Approval of August 2, 2021 Agenda: Motion by Ann Maslansky-Takahashi and second by Sue Majerus. Unanimously approved by roll call vote of all members present.
4. Approval of May 3, 2021 Minutes (Attachment): Chair Nancy Haas suggested to move the approval of the August 2, 2021 minutes to the October 18, 2021 meeting because there was no quorum.
5. Old Business:
 - A. Welcome and Introduce New Chief Clerk, Mee Cheng: Chief Clerk Mee Cheng introduced herself and shared her background and experiences with members.

- B. Information on Youth in Correctional Settings (Attached): Chair Nancy Haas referred to the follow-up from the County Manager's Office regarding statistics around youth in correctional settings. No discussion or questions were shared.
6. Chair Reports:
- A. In-Person Meetings: Since there was low attendance, Chair Haas did not discuss this item.
 - B. Workplan for 2022 / Commission Meeting Dates: Since there was low attendance, Chair Haas did not discuss this item.
 - C. Absences and Bylaws (Attached): Since there was low attendance, Chair Haas did not discuss this item.
 - D. Announcement of Resignation of One At-Large Member and Declaration of Vacancy: Chair Haas shared that an at-large member had resigned. Communications with the district courts has already been made and the vacancy will be posted.
 - E. Annual Election: Nominating Committee for Chair and Vice Chair: Chair Haas and Vice Chair Thies asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Sue Majerus offered to support and reach out to members in preparation for the October 18, 2021 meeting.
7. Committee Reports
- A. Budget Committee: Vice Chair Thies shared that the budget committee met, but major action items needed yet. Another meeting is scheduled to look into the budget materials, so they have things prepared ahead of the October 18, 2021 budget presentation from Ramsey County leadership.
 - B. Charter Review: Since there was low attendance, Vice Chair Thies did not discuss this item.
 - C. Others – Bylaws Committee: Since there was low attendance, Vice Chair Thies did not discuss this item.
8. Ramsey County Legislative Platform (Presentation by Jennifer O'Rourke): Government Relations Director Jennifer O'Rourke provided a handout sharing major updates and related strategic priorities that Ramsey County was working on. She shared her background and experience and talked through what her work mainly contributed of. There was a discussion and questions from various members. No major action items or follow-up was needed after discussion.
9. Citizen Input (Approximately 8:30 PM): Chair Haas checked to see if there was anyone who was not a member who would like to provide input. There was no non-Commission member in attendance, so there were no comments.
10. Future Agenda Items: No future agenda items were shared.
11. Adjournment: Motion by John O'Phelan and second by Sue Majerus. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 – 7 PM

Meeting location is to be determined for Charter Commission members, staff, and the public.

Respectfully submitted by Sia Xiong, Administrative Planning Assistant.