

Board of Commissioners Minutes

August 11, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:03 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Xiong missed Roll Call and arrived at 9:04 a.m. during the Land Acknowledgement. Commissioner McMurtrey was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Miller.

1. Agenda of August 11, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-291](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of August 11, 2026.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

2. Minutes from August 4, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-292](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the August 4, 2026 Minutes.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Appointment to the Personnel Review Board [2026-281](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Appoint Samantha Wicks to the Personnel Review Board for a four-year term beginning August 11, 2026 and ending August 1, 2030.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey
Resolution: B2026-106

4. Appointments to the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Managers [2026-258](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Appoint the following individuals to the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Managers for a term beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2029:

- Hawona Sullivan Janzen (incumbent)
- Joseph P. Collins (incumbent)
- Rick Sanders (incumbent)

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-107

5. Appointments to the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee [2026-294](#)

Sponsors: Finance

Appoint the following candidates to the Capital Improvement Program Advisory Committee for terms that begin August 30, 2026, and end August 30, 2028:

1. Niko Le Mieux (District 4) - Incumbent
2. Clarence Patterson (District 6) - Incumbent
3. Mazel McCoy-Anderson (District 7) - Incumbent

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-108

6. Parks and Recreation Commission Member Composition [2026-274](#)

Sponsors: Parks & Recreation

1. Rescind Ramsey County Resolution 99-250, which amended the size, composition, and appointment terms of the Parks & Recreation Commission.
2. Approve an amendment to Ramsey County Resolution 90-191 revising the size and composition of the Parks & Recreation Commission by increasing its membership from seven members to nine at-large members with three-year staggered terms.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-109

7. Project Budget and Financing Plan for Arden Hills Subsurface Drain Restoration Project [2026-263](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Accept and approve the project budget and financing plan for the Arden Hills Subsurface Drain Restoration project in an amount up to \$2,400,000.
2. Authorize the County Manager to account for the Arden Hills Subsurface Drain Restoration project as a budgeted project in Property Management.
3. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$1,300,000 from Property Management fund

balance to the Arden Hills Subsurface Drain Restoration project budget for project activities.

4. Authorize the County Manager to transfer \$1,100,000 from county bond interest to the Arden Hills Subsurface Drain Restoration project budget for project activities.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-110

8. Appointment of the Ramsey County Director of the Emergency Management Department [2026-247](#)

Sponsors: Safety and Justice

Appoint Kendall Bobula as the Director of the Emergency Management Department effective August 11, 2026.

Presented by Ling Becker, County Manager; Kendall Bobula, Director, Emergency Management. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: McMurtrey

Resolution: B2026-111

POLICY ITEM

9. Presentation: House Resolution 1 Implementation: Operational Readiness, Service Delivery, and Staffing Needs [2026-278](#)

Sponsors: Financial Assistance Services

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Ali Ali, Director, Financial Assistance Services. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ling Becker. Discussion can be found on archived video.

OUTSIDE BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion can be found on archived video.

BOARD CHAIR UPDATE

Presented by Chair Ortega. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(c)(3), to develop or consider offers or counter offers for the purchase or sale of real property, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: 97 Moore Street, St. Paul , MN, 55104. The property that is the subject of this meeting is located in the city of Saint Paul on 97 Moore Street, St. Paul , MN, 55104.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 10:50 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Ortega, Jebens-Singh, McGuire, Moran, Miller, and Xiong. Commissioner McMurtrey was excused.

Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, County Attorney's Office; John Rominski, Senior Collections Enforcement Agent, County Attorney's Office; Mandy Malecek, Risk Manager, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Jebens-Singh.

Ayes - 6, Nays - 0, Excused - 1. Motion passed. (Resolution B2026-112).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.