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May 19, 2026 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Xiong joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

### ROLL CALL

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Moran.

1. Agenda of May 19, 2026 is Presented for Approval [2026-182](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of May 19, 2026.

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

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

2. Minutes from May 12, 2026 are Presented for Approval [2026-183](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the May 12, 2026 Minutes.

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

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Settlement Agreement in *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County* (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466) [2026-189](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

1. Approve the settlement with Tameca Williams in *Tameca Williams v. Ramsey County* (Court File No. 62-CV-25-4466), totaling \$170,000.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the settlement agreement.

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-061](#)

4. Salary Schedule and Grade for New Classified Position - Data Practices Officer [2026-170](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

Approve the salary schedule and grade allocation for the new unrepresented job classification of Data Practices Officer:

<u>Job Classification</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Annual Salary Schedule</u>
Data Practices Officer - Classified		102A	35 \$ 74,290.99 - 111,436.48

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-062](#)

5. Repurchase of a Tax-forfeited Property Located at 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118 [2026-168](#)

Sponsors: Property Tax, Records & Election Services

1. Determine that by allowing a timely repurchase of the following property, any injustices or undue hardships caused by the forfeiture will be corrected and the repurchase will promote the use of the lands that will best serve the public interest:
  - Commissioner District 5
  - PIN: 09-28-22-33-0108
  - Property Address: 601 Annapolis Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55118
  - Repurchase amount due to date: \$32,701
2. Approve the repurchase of the above tax-forfeited property by Meiby Maribe Artola and Dayana Y Artola, fee owners at the time of forfeiture (Repurchaser), subject to the Repurchaser executing a repurchase contract within 90 days of approval.

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

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

Resolution: [B2026-063](#)

**PRESENTATION**

6. Detoxification and Withdrawal Management Facility Update [2026-160](#)

Sponsors: Social Services

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Sophia Thompson, Director, Social Services Department; Jim Langer, Human Services Manager, Social Services Department. Discussion can be found on archived video.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Presented by Commissioner McGuire. 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 10:39 a.m.

## **CLOSED MEETING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss the Benjamin Hill vs. Thomas Rudenick et al. matter. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re: Benjamin Hill vs. Thomas Rudenick et al. Matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m.

Present: Commissioners Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, and Ortega.

Excused: Commissioner Xiong.

Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Kristine Nogosek, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Jason Hively, Outside Counsel; Gloria Reyes, Deputy County Manager, Safety and Justice; David Metusalem, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Office; Amelia Cruver, Chief Financial Officer, Finance; 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 (Resolution B2026-064).

Motioned by Miller, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.