



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102  
651-266-9200

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January 6, 2026 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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### ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of January 6, 2026 is Presented for Approval** [2026-013](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of January 6, 2026.

2. **Minutes from December 16, 2025 are Presented for Approval** [2026-014](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the December 16, 2025 Minutes.

### POLICY ITEM

3. **Election of Chair for 2026** [2026-015](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect the chair for the year 2026.

4. **Election of Vice-Chair for 2026** [2026-016](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2026.

5. **Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2026** [2026-017](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect the secretary/treasurer for the year for 2026.

6. **Appointments to Outside Committees for 2026** [2026-010](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Approve appointments to various outside committees for the year 2026.

### CORRIDOR UPDATES

### ADJOURNMENT



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-013

**Meeting Date:** 1/6/2026

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Agenda of January 6, 2026 is Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the agenda of January 6, 2026.



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## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-014

**Meeting Date:** 1/6/2026

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Minutes from December 16, 2025 are Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the December 16, 2025 Minutes.

**Attachments**

1. December 16, 2025 Minutes



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Minutes

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
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December 16, 2025 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 11:03 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens - Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Xiong and Chair Ortega. Also present was Ling Becker, County Manager, and Scott Schwahn, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

### ROLL CALL

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

1. Agenda of December 16, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-536](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of December 16, 2025.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

2. Minutes from November 25, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-537](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the November 25, 2025 Minutes.

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

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Lease Agreement with Delta Golf Enterprises dba DG Pilot, LLC for Retail Space at Union Depot [2025-520](#)

Sponsors: Property Management

1. Approve the Lease Agreement with Delta Golf Enterprises dba DG Pilot, LLC, 214 4th Street East, Suite 170, Saint Paul, MN 55101 for 2,432 useable square feet of space, at a negotiated rate of \$2,432 per month, in Union Depot, 214 4th Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55101, Suite 170, for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, with two two-year renewal options at an increased rate.
2. Authorize the Chair to execute the lease agreement in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.
3. Authorize the County Manager to execute future amendments to the lease agreement that do not have a financial impact.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [R2025-018](#)

## **POLICY ITEM**

4. Approval of the 2026-27 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Budget and the 2026 Tax Levy [2025-479](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

1. Approve and adopt the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority budget of \$18,813,407 and the 2027 budget of \$18,788,290.
2. Approve and adopt the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy of \$37,285,643, a 2.94% increase over the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy.

Motion to amend Recommendation number 2 to read as follows: Approve and adopt the 2026 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy of \$36,219,703, a 0% increase over the 2025 Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority tax levy. Motion by Ortega, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by McMurtrey. Motion passed.

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

Resolution: [R2025-019](#)

## **CORRIDOR UPDATES**

Discussion can be found on archived video.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Ortega declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.



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## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-015

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**Sponsor:** Regional Railroad Authority

**Title**

Election of Chair for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the chair for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the chair.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the chair on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

Inform       Consult       Involve       Collaborate       Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

On January 7, 2025, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Ortega as chair for the year 2025 (Resolution R2025-001).

**Attachments**

None.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-016

**Meeting Date:** 1/6/2026

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**Sponsor:** Regional Railroad Authority

**Title**

Election of Vice-Chair for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the vice-chair for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the vice-chair.

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the vice-chair on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

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**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

On January 7, 2025, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Xiong as the vice-chair for the year 2025 (Resolution R2025-002).

**Attachments**

None.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-017

**Meeting Date:** 1/6/2026

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**Sponsor:** Regional Railroad Authority

**Title**

Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2026

**Recommendation**

Elect the secretary/treasurer for the year for 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time set by the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for election of the secretary/treasurer.

**County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)**

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

This action is strictly administrative and operational. The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority is committed to racial equity and actively looks for ways to advance racial equity by electing the secretary/treasurer on an annual basis.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency in elections that are strictly administrative and operational.

Inform       Consult       Involve       Collaborate       Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

On January 7, 2025, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority elected Commissioner Miller as secretary/treasurer for the year 2025 (Resolution R2025-003).

**Attachments**

None.

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2026-010

**Meeting Date:** 1/6/2026

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**Sponsor:** Regional Railroad Authority

**Title**

Appointments to Outside Committees for 2026

**Recommendation**

Approve appointments to various outside committees for the year 2026.

**Background and Rationale**

The Annual Organizational Meeting is the time established to approve appointments of Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners to outside committees. The appointments to outside committees for 2026 are as follows:

**EAST METRO STRONG**

- Xiong

**GOLD LINE JOINT POWERS BOARD**

- Ortega
- Miller, alternate

**GREAT RIVER RAIL COMMISSION**

- Ortega
- Xiong, alternate

**METRO GOLD LINE CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Xiong
- Miller

**RED ROCK CORRIDOR**

- Xiong
- Ortega, alternate

**ROBERT STREET CORRIDOR**

- Ortega
- Xiong, alternate

**RUSH LINE TASK FORCE**

- Xiong
- Miller, alternate

**METRO BRONZE LINE BUS RAPID TRANIST CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- Xiong, Vice-Chair
- Miller

**County Goals** (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

**Racial Equity Impact**

Appointments to outside committees is an annual administrative organizational action. These committees represent formal entities and partnerships that respond to modes of transportation. Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through the work of these committees.

**Community Participation Level and Impact**

Informing the community of this action provides transparency about committees in which the Regional Railroad Authority Commissioners participate. The appointments will provide opportunities for the Ramsey County Commissioners to build relationships, consults and collaborate with community in supporting and responding to issues important to the community through the works of these committees.

Inform       Consult       Involve       Collaborate       Empower

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

**Last Previous Action**

On January 7, 2025, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved appointments to various outside committees for the year 2025 (Resolution R2025-004).

**Attachments**

None.