

Board of Commissioners

Minutes

July 22, 2025 - 9 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Moran, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner Xiong was absent during Roll Call and the approval of the Agenda. She arrived at 9:04 a.m. and was present during the rest of the board meeting. Commissioner Miller was absent. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presented by Commissioner Jebens-Singh.

1. Agenda of July 22, 2025 is Presented for Approval [2025-278](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the agenda of July 22, 2025.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Miller

Absent: Xiong

2. Minutes from July 8, 2025 are Presented for Approval [2025-279](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve July 8, 2025 Minutes.

Commissioner Xiong arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Motion by Moran, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Miller

PRESENTATION OF AWARD

3. Presentation: Ramsey County Employee Achievement Award: Amy Stieve, Probation Officer. [2025-258](#)

Sponsors: Human Resources

None. For information and discussion only.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. Appointments to the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County [2025-262](#)

Sponsors: Workforce Solutions

Appoint the following individuals to serve on the Workforce Innovation Board of Ramsey County for a term beginning August 1, 2025, and ending July 31, 2027:

- Ismail Ali (incumbent) Business
- Becky Degendorfer (incumbent) Business
- Sara Garbe (incumbent) One-Stop Partner
- Karen Gerdin Education
- Lisa Guetzkow (incumbent) One-Stop Partner
- Ricardo Bennett Guzman Community-Based Organization
- Traci Leffner Business
- Donald Mullin (incumbent) Labor
- Koami Pedado (incumbent) Business
- Aalayha Traub (incumbent) Business
- Tracy Wilson (incumbent) Education

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

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

Excused: Miller

Resolution: [B2025-143](#)

6. Set Public Hearing Date for Jurisdictional Transfer of County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard - White Bear Township [2025-276](#)

Sponsors: Public Works

Set the public hearing date of August 18, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter, at White Bear Township Town Board meeting at 4200 Otter Lake Road, White Bear Township, MN 55110, to afford the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Jurisdictional Transfer of County Road - County Road 94/South Shore Boulevard.

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

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

Excused: Miller

Resolution: [B2025-144](#)

4. Obligation of Local Affordable Housing Aid for 2025 Housing Development Projects [2025-240](#)

Sponsors: Community & Economic Development

1. Approve recommended projects and funding amounts up to \$11,900,000 for the acquisition, stabilization and preservation of existing affordable housing.
2. Authorize the County Manager to enter into the necessary loan or other agreements and execute amendments to loan or other agreements, in a form approved by the County Attorney's Office.

Presented by Max Holdhusen, Deputy Director, Community and Economic Development. Discussion can be found on archived video.

Motion by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

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

Excused: Miller

Resolution: B2025-145

PRESENTATION

7. Presentation: Flock Safety Cameras

[2025-291](#)

Sponsors: Sheriff's Office

None. For information and discussion only.

Presented by Bob Fletcher, Ramsey County Sheriff. 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 10:45 a.m.

CLOSED MEETING

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.05, subdivision 3(b) in order to discuss litigation strategies around federal actions. The Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

In Re Daeshon Tucker v. Smith et al. matter

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

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

Also present: Ling Becker, Ramsey County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; Brett Bacon, Assistant County Attorney; Alex Kotze, Chief Financial Officer, Finance, Nadir Abdi, Deputy County Manager, Health and Wellness Service Team; Monica Long, Director, Community Corrections, Liz Reetz, Deputy Director, Community Corrections; Deanna Pesik, Chief Compliance and Ethics Officer, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Patten, Claims Administrator, Compliance and Ethics Office; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

Motioned by Xiong, seconded by McGuire. Unanimously approved.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting (B2025-146).

The closed meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.