
Sponsor: Board of Commissioners

Meeting Date: 5/26/2026

Title: Support for Nominations to the National Association of Counties
2026 Leadership Positions

File Number: 2026-151

Background and Rationale:

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is seeking applications for leadership positions to NACo committees for 2026.

Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh is submitting an application for: Member of the Arts & Culture Commission; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member of the Resilient Counties Advisory Board.

Commissioner Jebens-Singh currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Arts and Culture Commission; Member - NACo Health Steering Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Resilient Counties Advisory Board; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Committee; member - AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee; member - Interagency Early Intervention Committee; member - Minnesota Landmarks Board; member - Law Library Trustee; member - Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative Joint Powers Board; Vice Chair - TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority; member - Willow Lake Nature Preserve Foundation Board of Directors.

In addition, Commissioner Jebens-Singh currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Chair - Audit Committee; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; Chair - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire is submitting an application for: Member of the Board of Directors; member of the Arts and Culture Commission; member of the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board; member of Justice Public Safety Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County - Steering Committee; and member of the Programs and Services Committee.

Commissioner McGuire currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Board of Directors; member - NACo Arts and Culture Commission; member - NACo Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - NACo Programs and Services Committee; member - AMC Board of Directors; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Public Safety Policy Committee; member - Active

Living Ramsey Communities; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member- Metro Library Services Agency Board of Trustees; member - Partnership on Waste an Energy; member - Ramsey County Extension Committee; member - Ramsey County League of Local Governments; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - TCAAP/Rice Creek Commons Joint Development Authority.

In addition, Commissioner McGuire currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Vice -Chair - Audit Committee; Vice-Chair - Budget Committee of the Whole; Chair - Legislative Committee of the Whole; Chair - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and Chair - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey is submitting an application for: Member of the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

Commissioner McMurtrey currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - Community, Economic & Workforce Development Steering Committee; member- Large Urban County Caucus; member - Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; Representative - AMC Board of Directors; member - AMC District X Committee; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member - Generation Next; member - Greater MSP Regional Partnership; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; member - Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Ramsey County Dispatch/800 MHZ Subsystem Policy Committee; member - Ramsey County Extension Committee; member - Re-Thinking I-94 Committee; member - Rice-Larpenteur Alliance.

In addition, Commissioner McMurtrey currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Vice-Chair - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and Chair - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Rena Moran is submitting an application for: Vice-chair of the Courts and Corrections Subcommittee; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

Commissioner Moran currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Vice-Chair - NACo Courts and Corrections Subcommittee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - NACo Justice & Public Safety Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Health & Human Services Policy Committee; member - County-Court Joint Committee; member - Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; member - Heading Home

Ramsey-Continuum of Care; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Saint Paul Children's Collaborative; member - Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood; member - State Community Health Services Advisory Committee; member - Youth Justice Transformation.

In addition, Commissioner Moran currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; Chair - Budget Committee of the Whole; Vice-Chair - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; Chair - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega is submitting an application for: member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member for the Transportation Steering Committee.

Commissioner Ortega currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Transportation Steering Committee; member - AMC District 10 Representative; member - AMC Transportation and Infrastructure Policy Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - Minnesota Landmarks Board; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - Regions Hospital Board; member - Saint Paul Downtown Alliance.

In addition, Commissioner Ortega currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Chair - Regional Rail Authority; member - Audit Committee; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong is submitting an application for: Member of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee; member of the Education, Children and Families Subcommittee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

Commissioner Xiong currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Human Services & Education Steering Committee; Vice-Chair - NACo Education, Children, and Families Subcommittee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC General Government Policy Committee; Presidential Appointment - AMC Housing, Economic Workforce Development Committee; member - East Metro Strong; member - Gold Line Joint Powers Board; member - Metro Gold Line Corridor Management Committee; Vice-Chair - Metro BRONZE Line Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Management Committee; member - Red Rock Corridor; member - Rush Line Task Force; member - Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee; member - Metropolitan Transportation Advisory Board; member - Ramsey County Children's Mental Health Collaborative; member - Saint Paul Children's Collaborative; member - Youth Justice

Transformation.

In addition, Commissioner Xiong currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Chair - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; Vice-Chair - Regional Rail Authority; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; member - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Commissioner Kelly Miller is submitting an application for: Member of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee; member of the IT Standing Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

Commissioner Miller currently serves on the following national, statewide and regional boards and commissions:

- Member - NACo Environment, Energy & Land Use Steering Committee; member - NACo IT Committee; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus; member - NACo Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee; member - AMC District X Committee; member - AMC Environment & National Resources Policy Committee; member - AMC Tribal Relations Committee; member - Metropolitan Conservation Districts Joint Powers Board; member - Metropolitan Emergency Services Board; member- Metropolitan Mosquito Control District Board; member - Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards; member- Northeast Youth and Family Services Board of Directors; member - Ramsey County Dispatch/800 MHz Subsystem Policy Committee; member - Recycling & Energy Board; member - Regional Haulers Licensing Board; member - Workforce Innovation Board.

In addition, Commissioner Miller currently serves in the following Ramsey County positions:

- Member - Housing and Redevelopment Authority; member - Regional Rail Authority; member - Budget Committee of the Whole; member - Legislative Committee of the Whole; member - Operational Excellence Committee of the Whole; member - Intergenerational Wealth and Economic Justice Committee of the Whole; Chair - Justice Transformation; member - Racial and Health Equity and Shared Community Power; and member - Resident Centered Holistic Support.

Recommendation:

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Tara Jebens-Singh for: Member of the Arts & Culture Commissioner; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Resilience Counties Advisory Board.
2. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire for: Member of the Board of Directors; member of the Arts and Culture Commission; member of the Healthy Counties Initiative Advisory Board; member of Justice Public Safety Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County - Steering Committee; member of the Membership Committee; member of the Programs and Services Committee; and member of the Retirement Readiness Committee.
3. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Garrison McMurtrey for: Member of the Community, Economic & Workforce Development Policy Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
4. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rena Moran for: Vice-chair of the Courts and Corrections Subcommittee; member of the Health Steering Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
5. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Rafael E. Ortega for: member of the Large Urban County Caucus and member for the Transportation Steering Committee.
6. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Mai Chong Xiong for: Member of the Human Services & Education Steering Committee; member of the Education, Children and Families Subcommittee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; and member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.
7. Support the candidacy of Commissioner Kelly Miller for: Member of the Environment, Energy, and Land Use Committee; member of the IT Standing Committee; member of the Large Urban County Caucus; member of the Large Urban County Caucus - Steering Committee.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner Jebens-Singh. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By: 

Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board