

Board of Commissioners Minutes

February 28, 2023 - 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: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, Xiong and Chair MatasCastillo. Also present were Ryan O'Connor, County Manager, and Sam Clark, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Read by Commissioner Ortega.

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams, and energy to making the history that led to this moment . Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land since time immemorial. Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We are standing on the ancestral lands of the Dakota People. We want to acknowledge the Ojibwe, the Ho Chunk and the other nations of people who also called this place home. We pay respects to their elders past and present. Please take a moment to consider the treaties made by the tribal nations that entitle non-Native people to live and work on traditional Native lands. Consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today. And please join us in uncovering such truths at any and all public events.

1. Agenda of February 28, 2023 is Presented for Approval [2023-023](#)

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Approve the agenda of February 28, 2023.

Motion by Moran, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

2. Minutes from February 21, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-024](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the February 21, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Frethem. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. Ramsey County Vision, Mission and Goals

[2023-068](#)

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Reaffirm Ramsey County's Vision, Mission and Goals as follows:

Vision: A vibrant community where all are valued and thrive.

Mission: A county of excellence working with you to enhance our quality of life.

Goals:

1. Strengthen individual, family and community health, safety and well-being through effective safety-net services; innovative programming; prevention and early intervention; and environmental stewardship.
2. Cultivate economic prosperity and invest in neighborhoods with concentrated financial poverty through proactive leadership and inclusive initiatives that engage all communities in decisions about our future.
3. Enhance access to opportunity and mobility for all residents and businesses through connections to education, employment and economic development throughout our region.
4. Model forward-thinking investment, fiscal accountability and transparency through professional operational, financial management, and performance management.

Motion by Ortega, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, MatasCastillo, McGuire, Moran, Ortega, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Resolution: [B2023-038](#)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Presented by Commissioner MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

COUNTY CONNECTIONS

Presented by County Manager, Ryan O'Connor. 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 MatasCastillo. Discussion can be found on archived video.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair MatasCastillo declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.