



# Regional Railroad Authority Agenda

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

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February 6, 2024 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers - Courthouse Room 300

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## ROLL CALL

1. **Agenda of February 6, 2024 is Presented for Approval** [2024-013](#)  
Sponsors: County Manager's Office  
Approve the agenda of February 6, 2024.
2. **Minutes from January 2, 2024 are Presented for Approval** [2024-012](#)  
Sponsors: County Manager's Office  
Approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3. **Amendment to Red Rock Corridor Commission Appointment** [2024-028](#)  
Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority
  1. Appoint Commissioner Ortega to the Red Rock Corridor Commission.
  2. Appoint Commissioner Xiong as the alternate to the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

## CORRIDOR UPDATES

## ADJOURNMENT



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2024-013

**Meeting Date:** 2/6/2024

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Agenda of February 6, 2024 is Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the agenda of February 6, 2024.



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## Request for Board Action

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**Item Number:** 2024-012

**Meeting Date:** 2/6/2024

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**Sponsor:** County Manager's Office

**Title**

Minutes from January 2, 2024 are Presented for Approval

**Recommendation**

Approve the January 2, 2024 Minutes.

**Attachments**

1. January 2, 2024 Minutes



# Regional Railroad Authority

## Minutes

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January 2, 2024 - 10 a.m.

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The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority met in regular session at 9:42 a.m. with the following members present: Frethem, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, Xiong and Vice-Chair Martinson. Also present was Ryan O'Connor, County Manager.

### ROLL CALL

Present: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong  
Absent: Ortega

1. Agenda of January 2, 2024 is Presented for Approval [2023-639](#)

Sponsors: Board of Commissioners

Approve the agenda of January 2, 2024.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

2. Minutes from December 19, 2023 are Presented for Approval [2023-640](#)

Sponsors: County Manager's Office

Approve the December 19, 2023 Minutes.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

### POLICY ITEM

3. Election of Chair for 2024 [2023-631](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect Commissioner Ortega as chair for the year 2024.

Commissioner Frethem nominated Commissioner Ortega as chair for the year 2024; seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: [R2024-001](#)

4. Election of Vice-Chair for 2024 [2023-632](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect Commissioner Martinson as vice-chair for the year 2024.

Commissioner Frethem nominated Commissioner Martinson as vice-chair for the year 2024; seconded by Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by Reinhardt. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: R2024-002

**5. Election of Secretary/Treasurer for 2024**

[2023-634](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Elect Commissioner Reinhardt as secretary/treasurer for the year for 2024.

Commissioner Frethem nominated Commissioner Reinhardt as secretary/treasurer for the year 2024; seconded by Commissioner McGuire.

Motion by Frethem, seconded by McGuire. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: R2024-003

**6. Appointments to Outside Committees for 2024**

[2023-633](#)

Sponsors: Regional Railroad Authority

Approve appointments to various outside committees for the year 2024.

Motion by McGuire, seconded by Xiong. Motion passed.

Aye: Frethem, Martinson, McGuire, Moran, Reinhardt, and Xiong

Absent: Ortega

Resolution: R2024-004

**CORRIDOR UPDATES**

Discussion can be found on archived video.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Martinson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:49 a.m.

# Regional Railroad Authority

## Request for Board Action

Item Number: 2024-028

Meeting Date: 2/6/2024

**Sponsor:** Regional Railroad Authority

### Title

Amendment to Red Rock Corridor Commission Appointment

### Recommendation

1. Appoint Commissioner Ortega to the Red Rock Corridor Commission.
2. Appoint Commissioner Xiong as the alternate to the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

### Background and Rationale

The Red Rock Corridor Commission is comprised of seven members representing the counties and communities within the corridor. The Red Rock Corridor Commission is committed to advancing transit options and transit supportive development in the Highway 61 Corridor with the help of our agency and community partners.

The Red Rock Corridor is a proposed 20-mile transitway, connecting the Twin Cities' southeastern suburbs to Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The transitway will originate in Hastings and stop in Cottage Grove, Newport and Saint Paul's Battle Creek neighborhood before connecting to the Union Depot in downtown Saint Paul. Riders can access many destinations from Union Depot using other transit service like express buses, local buses, and METRO Green Line.

This board action amends the Regional Railroad Authority appointment on January 2, 2024 and Commissioner Xiong replaces Commissioner Frethem as the alternate to the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

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

Well-being       Prosperity       Opportunity       Accountability

### Racial Equity Impact

Appointment to outside committees is an administrative organizational action. Commissioner Ortega and Commissioner Xiong will seek opportunities to advance racial equity through the work of the Red Rock Corridor Commission.

### Community Participation Level and Impact

There was no community engagement associate with this board action.

Inform       Consult       Involve       Collaborate       Empower

### Fiscal Impact

None.

### Last Previous Action

On January 2, 2024, the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority approved the appointments to various outside committees for the year 2024 (Resolution R2024-004).

**Attachments**

None.