

Request for Board Action Details

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Title
Appointments to the Ramsey County Library Board

Recommendation

Reappoint Sida Ly-Xiong and Sylvia Neblett to the Ramsey County Library Board for terms beginning January 12, 2021 and ending December 31, 2023.

Background and Rationale

Minnesota Statutes section 134.09, subd. 1 describes the authority of a county board of commissioners to appoint members to the Ramsey County Library Board. The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners appoints seven members to the Library Board of Trustees (Library Board). Members must be residents of suburban Ramsey County.

Two vacancies exist on the Library Board due to term expirations. Recruitment through the County's Open Appointment Process resulted in six applications. The four County Commissioners serving suburban communities recommended that the incumbents be reappointed for both vacancies to facilitate the Library Director search process and the ongoing discussions to clarify County Board and Library Board roles.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

Well-being Prosperity Opportunity Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

This action fills all Library Board member vacancies and prepares the Library Board to advance County goals, including racial equity. Members of the Library Board reflect the racially diverse community in which they live provide valuable insights to improving racial equity in library service delivery to their role.

Community Participation Level and Impact

This action is the result of the County promoting the Library Board vacancies to the community on the County

website, through GovDelivery, and by word of mouth by Library Board members, staff, and County Commissioners. The appointments provide the opportunity for the Library Board to engage a range of community perspectives in library service delivery.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Library Board Trustees serve as the Governing Board for the Ramsey County Library and receive a per diem of \$50 per meeting, up to \$100 per month.

County Manager Comments

County Board approval is required to make these appointments. For more information on the Library Board, please visit <https://www.rclreads.org/about/management>.

Last Previous Action

On February 20, 2018, the County Board appointed Sida Ly-Xiong and Sylvia Neblett to the Ramsey County Library Board for a term beginning with date of appointment and ending December 31, 2020 (Resolution B2018-095).

Attachments

1. Library Board Membership Roster