

## NORTHEAST METRO 916

### WHITE BEAR LAKE, MINNESOTA

BOARD NOTES JANUARY 21, 2026

The organizational meeting of the School Board of Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Bellaire School and the following business was transacted.

#### Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Forsberg at 6:10 p.m.

#### Roll Call of Attendance

Members present: Knisely-12, Palmer-13, Jones-14, Forsberg-16, Bock-621, Nitardy-622, Clark-623, Thompson-624, Rebelein-831, Stout-832, and Thelander-834. Absent: Striker-282 and Dols-833. Also present: Dr. Val Rae Boe, superintendent.

#### Approval of Agenda

Adopted the agenda as presented, limited discussion to the approved agenda, and accepted the list of items proposed for consent adoption.

#### Election of Officers

Elected the following officers for 2026:

- Chairperson – Andrew Thelander, Stillwater
- Vice Chairperson – Laura Palmer, Columbia Heights
- Clerk – Marilynn Forsberg, Spring Lake Park
- Treasurer – Mannix Clark, Roseville

#### Board Calendar Dates

- Wednesday, January 28, 2026 – ALC Winter Graduation at 4:00 p.m. At Quora Education Center
- Wednesday, February 4, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

#### Questions and/or Comments from Citizens Present on Non-Agenda Items

None.

#### Presentation: Annual Report

An overview of the 2024-25 Annual Report was presented.

#### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Boe commented on the following items that were included in her written report: (a) Welcome 916 Board Members (b) Member Highlights; (c) MSBA presentation; and (d) Strategic Actions Program Spotlight: WELS.

#### Approval of the Consent Agenda

Approved the consent items, accepted as part of the approval of the agenda, consistent with the recommended actions presented by the administration.

- Approval of Minutes
- Payment of Bills and ACH Payments
- Personnel

#### Acceptance of the FY25 Audit

A report was provided and presented to the School Board by the auditor.

Accepted the FY25 audit from LB Carlson.

#### Approval of Annual Organizational Resolutions

Approved the organizational resolutions listed a-k for 2026.

- Designation of Official Newspaper
- Designation of Depositories
- Designation of Identified Official with Authority (IOWA)
- Authorization to Lease, Purchase and Contract for Goods and Services
- Authorization of Petty Cash Accounts
- Authorization to Seek Legal Counsel
- Authorization of Credit Cards
- Authorization of Electronic Funds Transfers
- Authorization of Facsimile Signature
- Authorization of Early Claim Payments
- Authorization of Micro-Purchase Threshold

#### Approval of 2026 Board Compensation

The annual survey of member district school board compensation and that of the other three intermediate districts for 2025 was shared with the board.

Approved an increase of \$100 to compensation levels for 2026 listed as follows:

Directors	\$5,300
Chairperson	\$6,000
Vice-Chair	\$5,400
Clerk	\$5,500
Treasurer	\$5,400

#### Approval of Five-Year Review of JPA

Approved continuing to operate under the current JPA. No statutory changes, legislative actions, or recommendations have necessitated amendments or revisions to the agreement.

#### Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Discontinuance and Reductions

Approved the Resolution Directing Administration to Make Recommendations for Discontinuance and Reductions.

#### Renewal of Annual Subscription to Laserfiche through OPG-3

Approved renewing the annual subscription to LaserFiche through OPG-3, Inc. effective December 19, 2025 through December 18, 2026 at a total cost of \$84,070.32

#### Board Forum

Chair Thelander shared that Stillwater Schools presented on their journey to phone free schools at the MSBA conference and the session was engaging and well attended.

Member Rebelein shared that Forest Lake presented on their career and tech program in their district and spoke about their Career Pathways program.

Members participated in a discussion regarding ICE activity, how it has been affecting school districts and what districts are doing to support families, staff, and students.

#### Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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## RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SOLICITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Ramsey County releases solicitation opportunities on DemandStar as an alternative method of public notice pursuant to Section 331A.03 of the Minnesota Statutes. Individuals may go to the "How to Contract with Ramsey County" section of the "Doing Business with Ramsey County" webpage at [ramseycounty.us/ContractWithRamsey](https://ramseycounty.us/ContractWithRamsey) to access registration information. If you are new to DemandStar, please follow the DemandStar registration instructions on the "How to Contract with Ramsey County" webpage. Access to all Ramsey County documents is free if the instructions that are posted are followed. You may call 651-266-8072 or email [ProcurementTeam@ramseycounty.us](mailto:ProcurementTeam@ramseycounty.us) if you need assistance.

**Ramsey County is accepting only electronic Request for Bids (RFBs) responses submitted through DemandStar. Public openings are conducted digitally, as a video conference. See the link above for details.**

To view current solicitations, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3W8XWan>

**SOLICITATION:** RFB-PUBW30687-KB

**OPENING DATE:** 2/26/2026

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** RAMSEY COUNTY, THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SEEKS QUALIFIED FIRMS TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO PLANT TREES FOR A GRANT PROJECT ON ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OTHER COUNTY PROPERTIES, AND ANY FUTURE MISCELLANEOUS COUNTY PROJECT. THERE WILL BE MAINTENANCE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH TREES PLANTED.

**SOLICITATION:** RFB-PUBW30973-DC

**OPENING DATE:** 3/12/2026

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** RAMSEY COUNTY, THROUGH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SEEKS CONSTRUCTION BIDS FOR THE 2026 ADA IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

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## VADNAIS LAKE AREA WATER MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION (VLAWMO)

### PUBLIC HEARING

The Vadnais Lake Area Water Management Organization (VLAWMO) will hold a Public Hearing for the Metro Update of the 10-year Watershed Management Plan (WMP) on February 25, 2026, in the City of Vadnais Heights Council Chambers, 800 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights, MN, at 7:00 pm. Review the draft WMP online at [www.vlawmo.org](http://www.vlawmo.org).

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-26-55

CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (WITHOUT A WILL)

In re the Estate of  
John William Anderson, a/k/a John W. Anderson,  
Decedent

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal appointment of personal representative has been filed with the Court. No will has been presented for probate. The application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Paul S. Anderson  
953 Edgewater Avenue  
Shoreview, MN 55126

as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as Personal Representative or may object to the appointment of the Personal Representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the Personal Representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Laura J. Stevens, Probate Registrar  
Theresa Ames, Court Administrator  
Date: January 28, 2026

**Attorney for Personal Representative**

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-26-37

**NOTICE OF REMOTE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In re the Estate of:  
Craig A. Dawson,  
Decedent.

**NOTICE** is given that on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026 from 1:15 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.** a hearing using remote technology will be held by this Court for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last will dated March 11, 2021 ("Will"), and for the appointment of Robert Nash, whose address is 31536 Quinlan Ave., Center City, Minnesota, 55012, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an  unsupervised administration.

Information on how to participate in the remote hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at 651-266-8145.

Any objections to the Petition or Will must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real estate and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the estate. If objections are filed, another hearing may be scheduled.

Any charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceeding be given to the attorney general pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 501B.41, Subdivision 5.

**NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN** by publishing this Notice as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice at least 14 days prior to the hearing date to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

**BY THE COURT:**

Theresa Ames, Court Administrator  
BY: Elizabeth Girling, Deputy Court Administrator  
Date: January 16, 2026

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-26-4

CASE TYPE: INFORMAL PROBATE

**NOTICE OF INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In re the Estate of  
Frederick John Specht, a/k/a Frederick J. Specht,  
Decedent

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:**

Notice is hereby given that an application for informal probate of the above-named Decedent's Last Will dated December 19, 2001 ("Will") has been filed with the Court, and the application has been granted.

Notice is also given that the Probate Registrar has informally appointed the following:

Andrew Frederick Specht

5414 130th Way North

Hugo, MN 55038

as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent. Any heir, devisee or other interested person may be entitled to appointment as personal representative or may object to the appointment of the personal representative. Unless objections are filed pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-607, and the court otherwise orders, the personal representative has full power to administer the Estate, including, after 30 days from the date of issuance of letters, the power to sell, encumber, lease or distribute real estate.

Any objections to the probate of the Will, or to the appointment of the personal representative, must be filed with this court, and will be heard by the court after the filing of an appropriate petition and proper notice of hearing.

Notice is also given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice, or the claims will be barred.

Laura J. Stevens, Probate Registrar

Theresa Ames, Court Administrator

Date: January 14, 2026

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-26-82

**NOTICE FOR REMOTE HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, NON-EXEMPT ESTATE**

In re the Estate of:  
Judith Ann Halvorson, a/k/a Judy Halvorson,  
f/k/a Judith Ann Thomas,  
Decedent.

Notice is given that a petition has been filed requesting that the Estate assets be summarily assigned and distributed without probate administration.

Information on how to participate in the remote hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at 651-266-8145.

The Petition also requests the probate of an instrument purporting to be the Decedent's last will dated October 17, 2018 ("Will").

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections or claims are filed, the Court may issue a decree distributing or assigning the Estate's assets. If objections are filed, another hearing may be scheduled.

Any charitable beneficiary may request notice of the probate proceeding be given to the attorney general pursuant to Minnesota Statute Section 501B.41, Subdivision 5.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Petition will be heard by this Court using remote technology via zoom on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 2:15 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.**

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this Notice shall be published once per week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in Ramsey County and a copy of this Notice shall be mailed at least 14 days prior to the hearing date to all interested persons (Minn. Stat. 524.1-401) and persons who have filed a demand for notice pursuant to Minn. Stat. 524.3-204.

**BY THE COURT:**

Theresa Ames, Court Administrator

BY: Elizabeth Girling, Deputy Court Administrator

Date: January 30, 2026

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## STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF RAMSEY DISTRICT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE COURT DIVISION

COURT FILE NO. 62-PR-26-85

**NOTICE OF REMOTE HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

In re the Estate of:

Joyce Walker,

Decedent.

**NOTICE** is given that on **Wednesday, March 11, 2026, from 2:45 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.** a hearing will be held using remote technology by this Court on the petition for formal adjudication of intestacy, determination of heirship, and for the appointment of John Rominski, whose address is 360 Wabasha North, Suite 100, Saint Paul, MN 55102, as personal representative of the Estate of the Decedent in a supervised administration.

Information on how to participate in the remote hearing can be obtained by calling the Court at 651-266-8145.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate. If objections are filed, another hearing may be scheduled.

**NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN** by publishing this Notice as provided by law and by mailing a copy of this Notice at least 14 days prior to the hearing date to all interested persons and persons who have filed a demand for notice.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

**BY THE COURT:**

Theresa Ames, District Court Administrator

BY: Elizabeth Girling, Deputy Court Administrator

Date: February 2, 2026

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**RAMSEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY MANAGER  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES  
JANUARY 27, 2026**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 9:01 a.m. with the following members present: Jebens-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire joined the board meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. Commissioner McMurtrey was excused. Also present were Ling Becker, County Manager, and Stacey D'Andrea, Assistant County Attorney, Ramsey County Attorney's Office.

AGENDA of January 27, 2026 was presented for approval. Motion by Moran to amend the agenda to table the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District presentation, seconded by Miller. Motion passed. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved.

MINUTES of January 20, 2026 were presented for approval. Motion by Miller, seconded by Moran. Unanimously approved.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT Read by Commissioner Miller.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

Public Health – Correction to 2026-27 Public Health Fee Schedule. Motion by Miller, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. (B2026-018)

Public Health – Joint Powers Agreement with Dakota County for Tuberculosis Control Services. Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2026-019)

Social Services – 2025 Budget Adjustment for the Lake Owasso Residence. Motion by Jebens-Singh, seconded by Xiong. Unanimously approved. (B2026-020)

County Attorney's Office – 2025 Budget Adjustments for the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2026-021)

Health and Wellness, Safety and Justice – Allocation of Grant Funds

from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety towards the Acquisition of Youth Healing and Treatment Homes. Motion by Xiong, seconded by Miller. Unanimously approved. (B2026-022)

**PRESENTATION**

Board of Commissioners – Presentation: Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. For information and discussion only. This Presentation was tabled.

**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 10:43 a.m.

**CLOSED MEETING**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.05, Subdivision 3(b) in order to meet with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Outside Counsel, the Ramsey County Board met in a closed meeting, which was not open to the public.

Re: Meeting with the Ramsey County Attorney's Office and Outside Counsel.

The Closed Meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Jeben-Singh, Miller, Moran, Xiong, and Chair Ortega. Commissioner McGuire joined the meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13D.02, Subdivision 2. Also present: Ling Becker, County Manager; Jada Lewis, Civil Division Director, Ramsey County Attorney's Office; John Kelly, First Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office; Steve Schleicher, Maslon LLP; Jason Yang, Chief Clerk, County Manager's Office.

The Board of Ramsey County Commissioners authorized the Ramsey County staff to proceed as discussed in this closed meeting.

The closed meeting was adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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