

**Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees**  
**April 19, 2023**

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Grace Atkins, Marissa Kirby, Kami Miller, Andrea West.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Pang Yang, Deputy Director; Chuck Wettergren, Digital Services Manager; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Maggie Soukup, Library Board Coordinator.

**OTHERS:**

Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County Commissioner; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager; Mary Worley, Executive Director, Ramsey County Library Friends; Jennifer McMaster, Director of Planning and Project Management; Scott Vrieze, MELSA Executive Director.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Atkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

To view the public comments made by Susan Johnson, Ramsey county resident, follow this [link](#). (00:10)

**APPROVALS:**

**April Agenda**

Atkins made a motion to approve the revised agenda to include an update on the Ramsey County Friends from Trustee Miller. Kirby seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**March Meeting Minutes**

Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as written. West seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**LIBRARY SHARECASE: Better know a library**

To hear the Trustees interactions with the Ramsey County Libraries, follow this [link](#). (05:55)

**MELSA OVERVIEW AND UPDATE:**

Scott Vrieze, Executive Director of MELSA, gave an overview of the organization and explained the relationship between MELSA and RCL. To view the presentation and listen to the discussion, follow this [link](#). (08:35)

**MAPLEWOOD RENOVATION OVERVIEW:**

Jennifer McMaster, Director of project and Planning for Ramsey County, gave an update on the Maplewood renovation project and shared current photos of the space. To view the entire presentation and listen to the discussion, follow this [link](#). (01:04:00)

**RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY FRIENDS LIASION UPDATE:**

Trustee Miller will serve as the liaison to the Ramsey County Library Friends and will attend the quarterly meetings on behalf of the Trustees. To hear Millers update, follow this [link](#). (01:27:15)

**DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:**

Presented by Deputy County Manager Berg. The update can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:33:18)

**RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES DEPUTY DIRECTOR UPDATE:**

Presented by Deputy Director Yang. Her update can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:35:00)

**RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD LIASON REPORT:**

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt. Her update can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:39:22)

**FUTURE MEETING TOPICS**

The Trustees have requested to hear more about biennial budget process as well updates on strategic plan charters as they become available. Chair Atkins also noted that starting in May the agenda will include a monthly update from Ramsey County Library Friends Executive Director Mary Worley.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by West, which was approved unanimously.