

**Hopkins Charter Commission  
Annual Report  
2010**

The Hopkins Charter Commission met on April 27.

Commission members included:

Jannina Aristy  
Dorothy Boen  
David Day  
Liz Dorn  
Roger Gross  
Fran Hesch  
Karen Jensen  
Roger Johnson  
Steve Lewis  
Jerre Miller  
Emily Wallace-Jackson

Election of Officers

Commissioner Wallace-Jackson was reelected as Chair and Commissioner Jensen was reelected as Vice-Chair.

The Commission again discussed Instant Runoff Elections. Assistant City Manager Genellie provided an update on IRV in Minnesota. The City of Minneapolis conducted its November 2009 election using Ranked Choice Voting. In St. Paul, voters approved the use Instant Runoff Voting for future elections.

Several bills authorizing cities to use ranked choice voting were introduced in 2009. The legislature took no action on these bills in 2010.

The consensus was that the Commission still favors ranked choice voting. Although at this time the Commission is reluctant to propose any ordinance which might require additional costs by the City.

The Commission also reiterated its position on the purchase of any new voting machines. Any new voting machines should be able to count ranked ballot voting ballots.