



## Minutes

Council Board of Directors Meeting

March 16, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Blazing Star Room, Centennial Office Building  
658 Cedar Street, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Chair Maeda called the meeting to order at 5:05 P.M.

### I. COMMUNITY PRESENTER

Chair Maeda welcomed Jay Colond, MN Dept. of Ed., Community Engagement. Mr. Colond present an overview of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) in Minnesota. ESSA is an equity law. Introduction to ESSA, MN's transition to ESSA, Small group themes, and Q & A. ESSA prelaces No Child Left Behind as the newest version of the 50 year old federal Elementary and Secondary Ed. Act. ESSA expected to provide \$230 to \$250m for MDE to support local ed. Agencies (LEA) such as school districts and charter schools.

Key areas of ESSA. No more federal accountability. States has latitude accountability measures. MN still has reqmts. 3) ESSA emphasize ELL and can be flagged by slow EL growth. When flagged, will fall under one of two systems. District or state will coach the school leadership.

MN Transition to ESSA. MDE will submit an application with MN's state plan to DOE in September 2017. MDE will work closely w/ stakeholders to ensure MN student educators, schools, and districts experience a clear and orderly transition to the new law. MMR going away in 2018-2019. Concern for Charter Schools and awareness of MMR going away by Ms. Lee.

ESSA State Plan Development Timeline. Stakeholder engagement ongoing. Committee recommendations. MDE teams begin drafting state plan MAY through JUNE. Final draft from public comment in August. Regional meetings in August.

Themes from focus groups. Meaningful engage parents and staff. Fair in discipline. Support High Expect. Share best practices. Convene Stakeholders. Evidence of success. Graduation/employment rates. Indigenous/cultural curriculum. Attendance.

Q&A. Mr. Thawmoo, what is MDE's role in ELL community. Mr. Hurkadli, what is the make up of the committee makeup. 12 teams coordinating the application and interpretation of the law. Senator Chamberlain, 12 or 13 authorizer in the state of MN. Cultural mismatch. Bill gives school the ability to change the authorizer. In previous statute, contract lasts up 4 to 5 years. Mr. Hurkadli and Ms. Lee discuss the accountability of authorizers in ESSA. There are currently none left in.



II. ROLL CALL

**Present:**

David Maeda  
Anil Hurkadli  
Grace Lee  
George Thawmoo  
Senator Roger Chamberlain  
Senator Carolyn Laine  
Representative JoAnn Ward

**Staff:** Sia Her, Karina Vang, Tou Xiong, and Anjuli Mishra

**Absent:** Tsewang Ngodup, Representative Rod Hamilton, Famaati Winey, Thaoke Her

*With 7 out of 11 voting members present, there was a quorum.*

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES

Chair Maeda presented to the Board the meeting minutes of January 19, 2016.

**MOTION:** To approve the meeting minutes of January 19, 2016.

**BY:** Mr. Hurkadli and seconded by Senator Chamberlain. *The motion was unanimously passed.*

IV. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2016 AGENDA

Chair Maeda presented to the Board the meeting agenda of March 16, 2017.

**MOTION:** To approve the meeting agenda of March 16, 2017.

**BY:** Mr. Hurkadli and seconded by Senator Chamberlain. *The motion was unanimously passed.*

V. LEGISLATIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Senator Chamberlain listed off REAL ID, HealthCare, and Tax laws. Lots going on with the legislature, including the fact that the tax bill has been released; very busy in this current time period.

Representative Ward touched on the Office of the Legislative Auditor submitted a report on testing in school. The Report provided several key insights, including that ELL students are spending more time prepping for tests and taking tests. This focus on exams means take away from teachers' time spent on regular tasks, so that they can address the ELL testing.

Senator Laine discussed the 34 to 33 political balance in the Senate, and Education Bills and early childhood bills.

Ms. Her updated the Board members on the appointment of new legislative board members. The House Minority Leader has recommended Representative JoAnn Ward be appointed to the



Board. There are 13-15 current community Board applicants through the Secretary of State's office. Ms. Lee asked if the current applicants were from the communities that we are missing.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Her updated members on the financial report for the month of March. With the exception of the addition of the legislative liaison to the staff team, there is nothing significant to report on as it relates to the Council's finances since the last Board meeting. Ms. Her reminded the Board that any funds not used by the end of this 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium will be returned to the state treasury, although we will attempt to spend as much as possible on the Emerging Communities Report. Given this, and all other projected expenses, we still expect to return an amount close to \$15,000 back to state. Mr. Hurkadli and Ms. Lee expressed interest in spending this estimated \$15,000 available on the strategic planning process.

Additionally, Ms. Her spoke to API Day 2017; specifically, it was successful for a number of reasons, including the fact that turnout was quite large this year. We recognize and appreciate the support and presence of legislative leaders. In addition, the Latino Council lent staff members to assist with API Day. Board members and staff also shared their thoughts about API Day at Capitol; all felt the event was a success.

As for community-relected updates, Ms. Her shared that the MN Bhutanese Community has asked for the Council's help as they are preparing to host a national soccer tournament this year. The 3-days event will be held in Woodbury and St. Paul. Our office has also received some calls from community members concerned about how immigration laws may impact them.

Ms. Her then spoke to the March financial report. Representative Ward motioned for approval of the financial report; Mr. Hurkadli seconded.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee:

Ms. Her will submit her recommendations from the pool of board applicants to the Governor's office, per a key provision in M.S. Section 15.0145.

Government Relations Committee:

The committee reported that the Violence Against Asian Women and Childing Working Group Report has been submitted. Due to the need for careful and in-depth discussions with legislators and stakeholders, we will not be introducing any legislative proposals this session. We are scheduled to have our first community conversation on the findings on the Report on March 30<sup>th</sup>. The committee also spoke to the legislative tracking mechanism staff have put together and are using to provide the community with updates (the legislative track sheet includes a tiered system which organizes bills introduced according to actions the Council will take).



Events Committee:

This year the Asian Pacific Minnesotans Leadership Awards Dinner will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup> at Envision Catering & Hospitality (formerly Prom Center). Nomination letters will be sent out. The theme will be focused on working together toward a shared future. This Dinner entails recruitment of sponsors; thus, the committee is looking for corporate sponsors.

VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

Chair Maeda requested that at each Board meeting there is a review of the strategic planning process. Chair Maeda reminded the Board that the Council completed 3 community forums, and will complete two more in greater Minnesota. The chair then asked all Board members to keep June 3rd open as this will likely be the day for the Board's strategic planning retreat.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.