

**Minnesota Indian Affairs Council
Governors 1 Meeting Room--Intercontinental Hotel
11 East Kellogg Boulevard St. Paul, MN 55101
Tuesday, February 18, 2020/9:00 AM—4:00 PM
MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Chairman Larsen called the meeting to order
- II. Invocation was given by Elder Joe Whitehawk
- III. Shannon Geshick, Executive Director MIAC performs roll call

MIAC Executive Board Members:

Board Chair—Robert L. Larsen, ***President Lower Sioux Indian Community***
PRESENT

Board Vice-Chair—Shelley Buck, ***President Prairie Island Indian Community***
PRESENT

Board Member—Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., ***Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa***
PRESENT

Board Member—Cathy Chavers, ***Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa***
PRESENT

Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., ***Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe***
PRESENT

Board Member—Beth Drost, ***Chairwoman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa***
PRESENT

Board Member—Michael Fairbanks, ***Chairman White Earth Nation***
PRESENT

Board Member—Darrell G. Seki, Sr., ***Chairman Red Lake Nation***
PRESENT

Via Designee: Samuel Strong, ***Secretary Red Lake Nation***

Board Member—Keith B. Anderson, ***Chairman Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community***
PRESENT

Via Designee: Bill Rudnicki SMSC admin

Board Member—Melanie Benjamin, ***Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe***
PRESENT

Via Stand-in: Melissa Boyd

A quorum was present

Non-voting Board Members present:

Commissioner of Administration—Alice Roberts-Davis

Commissioner of Corrections—Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education—Mary Cathryn Ricker

Commissioner of DEED—Steve Grove

Commissioner of Health—Jan Malcolm

Commissioner of Human Service—Jodi Harpstead

Commissioner of Human Rights—Rebecca Lucero

Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation—Mark Phillips

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency—Jennifer Leimaile Ho

Natural Resources—Sarah Strommen

Transportation—Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Veteran Affairs—Larry Herke

Other Elected Tribal Leaders Present:

Valentina Mgeni, **Treasurer Prairie Island Indian Community**

April McCormick, **Secretary/Treasurer Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

Rick Anderson, **Council Member Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**

IV. Review and Approval of December 6, 2019, Meeting minutes

MOTION by Prairie Island, Seconded by Bois Forte. Motion Carries

V. Governor's Office, Legislative Board Members, and State Agency Commissioner Updates

VI. REPORTS—MIAC Director, Cultural Resources, and Legislative & Grants Director—bypassed due to Executive Board meeting February 17th.

VII. REPORTS: Urban Indian Advisory Board and Ombudsperson for American Indian Families Updates

VIII. PRESENTATIONS:

a. MN Tribal Coalition for 2020 Census,

Resolution #02182020_01 *Approved*

10 For 0 Against 0 Silent

b. MN State Management and Budget,

c. Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank,

Resolution #02182020_02 *Approved*

10 For 0 Against 0 Silent

d. Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development,

e. Makoce Ikikcupi,

Resolution #02182020_03 *Approved*

10 For 0 Against 0 Silent

f. Children's Justice Initiative,

g. State Cloud State University,

h. Honor the Earth,

Resolution #02182020_04 *Approved*

10 For 0 Against 0 Silent

i. Minnesota IT services

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting: TBD

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni Stillday, MIAC Grants & Legislative Director