



Quarterly Board Meeting
Grand Casino Mille Lacs & via WebEx
777 Grand Ave Onamia, MN 56359
Friday, August 28, 2020
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Chairman Larson
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Everette Black Thunder, Elder
- III. Roll Call – Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

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*—Robert Deschampe, ***Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa***
PRESENT
- Board Member*—Michael Fairbanks, ***Chairman White Earth Nation***
PRESENT
- Board Member*—Samuel Strong, ***Secretary Red Lake Nation***
PRESENT
- Board Member*—William Rudnicki, ***Tribal Administrator Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community***
PRESENT
via designee: Lester Morris
- Board Member*—Melanie Benjamin, ***Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe***
ABSENT

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

- Governor’s Office- Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
- State Representative Mary Kunesh-Podein
- State Representative Dean Urdahl
- Senator Patricia Torres Ray
- Commissioner of Administration—Alice Roberts-Davis

Commission of Corrections—Paul Schnell
Commissioner of Education—Mary Cathryn Ricker
Commissioner of DEED—Steve Grove
 via designee: Darielle Dannen
Commissioner of Health—Jan Malcolm
 via designee: Deb Burns
Commissioner of Human Service—Jodi Harpstead
Commissioner of Human Rights—Rebecca Lucero
Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation—Mark Phillips
 via designee: Al Becicka
Minnesota Housing Finance Agency—Jennifer Leimaile Ho
Natural Resources—Sarah Strommen
Transportation—Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Veteran Affairs—Larry Herke

Non-voting members absent:

Senator Gary Dahms

Visiting Commissioners

Agriculture – Thom Peterson
Bureau of Mediation Services – Janet Johnson
 Guest: Lane Harstad
Commerce – Steve Kelley
Labor and Industry – Acting Commissioner Roslyn Robertson
Management and Budget – Myron Frans
Met Council Chair – Charles Zelle
Military Affairs – Brigadier General Shawn Manke
MnIT – Tarek Tomes
Office of Higher Learning – Dennis Olson
Pollution Control Agency – Laura Bishop
Public Safety – John Harrington
 via designee: Cassandra O’Hern
Revenue – Cynthia Bauerly

- IV. MOTION by Fond du Lac to approve the June 26, 2020 minutes with an amendment to the correct date, seconded by Prairie Island: **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- V. MIAC STAFF REPORTS – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative & Grants Director—bypassed due to Executive Session. Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.
- VI. BOARD UPDATES: Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, Rep. Dean Urdahl, Rep. Mary Kunesh-Podein, Senator Patricia Torres-Ray, DNR Commissioner Strommen, DOC Commissioner Schnell, DEED Darielle Dannen, MDE Commissioner Ricker, MDVA Commissioner Herke, MDH Deb Burns, IRRR Al Becicka, MDOT Commissioner Kelliher

AGENCY UPDATES: MDA Tom Peterson, DLI Acting Commissioner Roslyn Robertson, BMS Commissioner Johnson/Lane Harstad, Commerce Steve Kelley, MNIT Tarek Tomes, OHE Dennis

Olson, MPCA Laura Bishop, MMB Commissioner Frans, DPS Cassandra O'Hern, MDR
Commissioner Bauerly

VII. REPORTS:

Urban Indian Advisory Board – Beverly Bushyhead, Chair – bypassed due to time, copy will be on the MIAC website.

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch

Tribal Nations Education Committee – Jennifer Murray

Joint Advisory Committee – Laurie York/Commissioner Harpstad/Vern LaPlante

VIII. PRESENTATIONS:

Weisman Inventory Collection Update: Katherine Hays, Associate Professor of Anthropology/Director of the Race Indigeneity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Initiative; Tadd Johnson, Senior Director American Indian Tribal Relations/Professor of American Indian Studies U of M, Duluth, Joan Gabel, President of University of Minnesota

Updates on Children's Cabinet – COVID response and resources for children and families, and healthy beginnings and food security update related to tribes: Erin Bailey, Assistant Commissioner/Executive Director of the Governor's Children's Cabinet

Census 202/GOTNV: Shelly Diaz, Census 2020 Tribal Hub; Annastacia Belladonna-Carrera, Executive Director Common Cause; Jolene Jones, Native American Community Development Institute

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis – Introductions; Heather Soprena, Roberta Downing, and Casey Lozar Center for Indian Country Development

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

American Indian Families Ombudsperson – Board of Director Position

Executive Session:

MOTION by Boise Fort to seat Jules Edwards on the American Indian Families Ombudsperson

Board, seconded by Fond du Lac: **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Ensuring Police Excellence and Improving Community Relations Advisory Council Appointment

Tabled until further advertisement has been made for the position – Executive session requested

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting: TBD

4:05pm – MOTION to Adjourn made by Prairie Island, seconded by White Earth

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya LaFromboise, MIAC Office Manager