Quarterly Board Meeting

Thursday August 4, 2022

Treasure Island Resort & Casino, Welch, MN & Microsoft Teams

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**MEETING MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
2. Invocation and Prayer – Barry Hand
3. Roll Call – Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

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| **MIAC Executive Board Members** | *A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generated* |
| *Board Chair*—Robert L. Larsen, ***President Lower Sioux Indian Community*** | PRESENT |
| *Board Vice*-Chair— Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, ***Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa*** | 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*—Johnny Johnson, ***President Prairie Island Indian Community*** | PRESENT |
| *Board Member*—Michael Fairbanks, ***Chairman White Earth Nation*** | PRESENT |
| *Board Member*—Samuel Strong, ***Secretary Red Lake Nation*** | PRESENT |
| *Board Member*—Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, ***Secretary/Treasurer Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community*** | ABSENT |
| *Board Member*—Melanie Benjamin, ***Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe*** | PRESENT |

***9 out of 10 present***

***A quorum was present***

**Non-voting members present**:

Representative Dean Urdahl

Representative Heather Keeler

Senator Mary Kunesh

Commissioner of Administration – Alice Roberts-Davis

Commissioner of Corrections – Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education – Heather Mueller

Commissioner of DEED – Steve Grove

Commissioner of Health – Jan Malcolm

Commissioner of Human Service – Jodi Harpstead

Commissioner of Human Rights – Rebecca Lucero

Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho

Commissioner of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen

Commissioner of Transportation – Nancy Daubenberger

Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Larry Herke

**Non-voting members absent:**

Governor’s Office – Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan – *Video update submitted*

Senator Paul Utke

Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Mark Phillips – *written report submitted*

**Visiting Commissioners present:**

Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold

Chair of Met Council – Hannah Pallmeyer, Acting Government Affairs Liaison, for Charles Zelle

Commissioner of Office of Higher Education – Dennis Olson

Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency – Katrina Kessler

Commissioner of Public Safety – John Harrington

Commissioner of Revenue – Dawn Blanchard for Robert Doty

Commissioner of Labor and Industry –Roslyn Robertson

**Visiting Commissioners absent:**

Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – James Schowalter

Commissioner of Military Affairs – Major General Shawn Manke

Commissioner of MnIT –Tarek Tomes – *written report submitted*

Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Deputy Commissioner Todd Doncavage for Johnny Villarreal - *written report submitted*

Commissioner of Agriculture –Thom Peterson - *written report submitted*

1. MOTION by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to approve the May 5, 2022, minutes, seconded by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community: MOTION **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
2. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Grants Manager – bypassed due to executive session. Motion by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Second by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. MOTION **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**  
   *\*Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website*.
3. **BOARD UPDATES**: Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan; Representative Dean Urdahl; Senator Mary Kunesh; Administration Commissioner Alice Roberts-Davis; DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell; MDE Commissioner Heather Mueller; DEED Commissioner Steve Grove; MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm; DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead; MDHR Commissioner Rebecca Lucero; MHFA Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen; DOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke
4. **AGENCY UPDATES:** Hannah Pallmeyer, Acting Government Affairs Liaison, for Met Council Charles Zelle, OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson, MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler, DPS Commissioner John Harrington, MDR Commissioner Dawn Blanchard for Robert Doty; DLI Commissioner Roslyn Robertson; MDC Commissioner Grace Arnold
5. **REPORTS:**Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch

Urban Indian Advisory Board – Marisa Cummings – *will submit a written report*

Tribal Nations Education Committee – Jennifer Murray

Joint Advisory Committee – Bonnie Fairbanks and Virgil Sohm

Tribal Health Directors – Samuel Moose – *written report submitted*

1. **APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS**

**Wireless Broadband Committee** Recommended Monte Fronk. Motioned by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa seconded by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

**Ombudsperson for American Indian Families Community-Specific Board** Recommended Tera Nleson. Motioned by Miskwaagamiiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

Second appointment recommended Tonya Long. Motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa seconded by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

Appoint Tera Nelson as board chair. Motioned by Miskwaagamiiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation seconded by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

**The Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council (CECLC) American Indian Representative**

Recommended Mariah Norwood. Motioned by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe seconded by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent**.

Second appointment recommended Rebecca Graves. Motioned by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation seconded by Misi-zaaga'iganiing / Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent**.

1. OLD BUSINESS:
2. NEW BUSINESS:
3. Public Comments:
   1. Noted in WebEx chat

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Meeting Adjourned:** 4:47PM motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. Seconded by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation **9 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Respectfully submitted,

Kaytlyn Lundstrom, Executive Assistant