



Quarterly Board Meeting
Seven Clans Casino Red Lake/WebEx
10200 MN-89, Red Lake, MN 56671
Wednesday February 17, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Chairman Larsen
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Eagle Talon Drum Group and Daryl Seki, Chairman
- 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, ***Chairwoman 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***
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Board Member—Melanie Benjamin, ***Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe***
PRESENT

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Governor's Office- Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
Representative Heather Keeler
Representative Dean Urdahl
Senator Mary Kunesh
Commissioner of Administration—Alice Roberts-Davis
Commission of Corrections—Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education—Mary Cathryn Ricker
Commissioner of DEED—Steve Grove
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 and Billie Isham
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
MMB Commissioner Schowalter

Visiting Commissioners

Agriculture – Thom Peterson
Bureau of Mediation Services – Janet Johnson
Commerce – Steve Kelley
Labor and Industry –Roslyn Robertson
Management and Budget – Jim Schowalter
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
Revenue – Cynthia Bauerly

IV. MOTION by Prairie Island Indian Community to approve the February 17, 2021 minutes,
seconded by Fond du Lac: **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

V. MIAC STAFF REPORTS – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative & Grants Director—
bypassed due to Executive Session. Motion by Prairie Island Indian Community Second by Grand
Portage. **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.

VI. BOARD UPDATES: Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, Rep. Dean Urdahl, Rep. Heather Keeler, Senator
Mary Kunesh, DNR Commissioner Strommen, DOC Commissioner Schnell, DEED Commissioner
Grove, MDE Commissioner Ricker, MDVA Commissioner Herke, MDH Deb Burns, IRRR Al
Becicka, MDOT Commissioner Kelliher

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

MMB Commissioner Schowalter (absent), DPS Commissioner Harrington, MDR Commissioner Bauerly

VII. REPORTS:

Urban Indian Advisory Board –bypassed
Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch
Tribal Nations Education Committee – Jennifer Murray
Joint Advisory Committee – Laurie York

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:

MIAC support of Red Lake Letter regarding Line 3
Executive Session discussion – Over half of quorum voted in support of the letter. MIAC moves forward with support of the Red Lake letter.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

Urban Indian Advisory Board – Board of Director Position
Executive Session discussion to seat Marisa Cummings
MOTION by **Boise Fort** to seat Marisa Cummings on the Urban Indian Advisory Board, seconded by **Fond du Lac**: **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

Minnesota Forest Resources Council – MIAC Representative
Executive Session discussion to reseat Keith Karnes
MOTION by **Boise Fort** to seat Marisa Cummings on the Urban Indian Advisory Board, seconded by **Fond du Lac**: **MOTION PASSED** **7 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting: TBD

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

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director