

Quarterly Board Meeting


Thursday, August 15, 2024

Grand Portage Lodge, Ki-Gi-Tong, 70 Casino Dr., Grand Portage, MN 55605

8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Chairman and Vice Chair Robert Deschampe/ Drum Group:
Stone Bridge Singers
- III. Roll Call – Executive Director Shannon Geshick

MIAC Executive Board Members	
<i>Board Chair—Robert L. Larsen, President Lower Sioux Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Vice-Chair—Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Bruce Savage, Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Grant Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Mike Fairbanks, Chairman White Earth Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Business Council of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>	ABSENT
<i>Board Member—Virgil Wind, Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT

9 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan – Governor’s Office Tribal State Relations Patina Park

Commissioner of Administration – Tribal Liaison Curt Yoakum for Tamar Gronvall

Commissioner of Children, Youth and Families – Tikki Brown

Commissioner of Corrections – Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education –Willie Jett

Commissioner of DEED – Tribal Liaison Kirk Crow Shoe for Matt Varilek

Commissioner of Health – Brooke Cunningham

Commissioner of Human Services – Jodi Harpstead

Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho

Commissioner of Transportation – Nancy Daubenberger

Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Deputy Commissioner Al Becicka for
Ida Rukavina

Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Brad Lindsay

Non-voting members absent:

Representative Liish Kozlowski (Excused)

Representative Bobbie Harder

Senator Mary Kunesh (Excused)

Senator Paul Utke

Commissioner of Human Rights – Rebecca Lucero

Commissioner of Natural Resources – Sarah Strommen

Visiting Commissioners present:

Commissioner of Agriculture – Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey for Thom Peterson

Commissioner of Commerce – Assistant Commissioner Hali Kolkind for Grace Arnold

Chair of Met Council – Councilmember Reva Chamblis for Charles Zelle

Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – Director Jeremy Drucker for Erin
Campbell

Commissioner of Office of Higher Education – Dennis Olson

Commissioner of Labor and Industry – Tribal Liaison Naheeda Hirji-Walji for Nicole Blissenbach

Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Johnny Villarreal

Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency – Deputy Commissioner Peter Tester for Katrina
Kessler

Commissioner of Public Safety – Tribal Liaison Wendy Spry for Bob Jacobson

Commissioner of Revenue – Paul Marquart

Visiting Commissioners absent:

Commissioner of Military Affairs – MG Shawn Manke

Commissioner of MNIT –Tarek Tomes

- I. **MIAC MEETING MINUTES** – MOTION by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa to approve the February 2024, minutes, SECOND by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative Director, Grants Manager, Communications Specialist – bypassed due to executive session. MOTION by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
**Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.*

BOARD UPDATES: Governor's Office Patina Park Executive Director Tribal State Relations; Department of Administration – Tribal Liaison Curt Yoakum; Department of Children, Youth and Families – Commissioner Tikki Brown; Department of Corrections – Commissioner Paul Schnell; Department of Education – Commissioner Willie Jett; Department of DEED – Tribal Liaison Kirk Crow Shoe; Department of Health – Commissioner Brooke Cunningham; Department of Human Services – Commissioner Jodi Harpstead; Department of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; Department of Transportation – Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; Department of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Deputy Commissioner Al Becicka; Department of Veteran Affairs – Commissioner Brad Lindsay

AGENCY UPDATES: Department of Agriculture – Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey; Department of Commerce – Assistant Commissioner Hali Kolkind; Met Council – Councilmember Reva Chamblis; Department of Minnesota Management and Budget – Director Jeremy Drucker; Department of Office of Higher Education – Commissioner Dennis Olson; Department of Labor and Industry – Tribal Liaison Naheeda Hirji-Walji; Department of Bureau of Mediation Services – Commissioner Johnny Villarreal; Department of Pollution Control Agency – Deputy Commissioner Peter Tester; Department of Public Safety – Tribal Liaison Wendy Spry; Department of Revenue – Commissioner Paul Marquart

III. REPORTS:

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch
Addiction and Recovery Director, Jeremy Drunker
Urban Indian Advisory Board – Tera Nelson
Tribal Nations Education Committee – Jennifer Murry, Lori Harper, Maria Burnett
Joint Advisory Committee – Lori York and Bonnie Fairbanks

I. APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS (*Voted upon at Executive Session*)

- 1. Task Force on Holistic and Effective Responses to Illicit Drug Use** – Donovan Sather, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- 2. Supreme Court Advisory Council on Child Protection**– Lenny Fineday, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- 3. Cultural and Ethnic Communities Leadership Council – American Indian Community Representative**– Nina Vongpeth, MOTIONED by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, SECOND by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

4. **Urban Indian Advisory Board** – Caleb Dunlap, MOTIONED by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community, SECOND Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong / Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, by **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
5. **Agriculture Research, Education, Extension, and Technology Transfer (AGREETT) Advisory Panel Representatives** – Wade Jackson, MOTIONED by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
6. **Risk and Needs Working Group** – No new appointments
7. **National Indian Gaming Committee Nomination (Patrice Kunesh)** – MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
8. **Legislative Task Force on Guardianship** – Chairwoman Cathy Chavers, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
9. **Gov. Committee MN America 250** – *Motion Dead*
10. **Permanent School Fund; Distribution of Endowment Fund Earnings Task Force** – Chairman Mike Fairbanks, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Gichi-Onigaming / Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
11. **Policy Advisory Committee** – President Grant Johnson, MOTIONED by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation, SECOND by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
12. **Guidebook Technical Adviosry Committee** – Advocacy Council for Tribal Transportation (*ACTT*) *Fill*
13. **Prioritazation Technical Advisory Committee** – *ACTT Fill*
14. **Explore MN** – Kelly Applegate, MOTIONED by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, SECOND by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**
15. **Legislative Task Force from Rep. Pinto** – Lori York, MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed and 0 Silent**

16. Resolution 08162024_01 for Prioritizing distribution of American Indian Education Aid within Minnesota Department of Education's Finance Division, as Proposed by TNEC, MOTIONED by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation, SECOND by Tinta Wita / Prairie Island Indian Community **PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed and 1 Silent**

**Voted upon at Presentations session*

II. OLD BUSINESS:

III. NEW BUSINESS:

IV. Public Comments:

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Adjourned: 7:00 PM MOTIONED by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa, SECOND by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director
Opalina Peralta, Executive Administrative Assistant