

Quarterly Board Meeting


Tuesday February 28, 2023

Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel, Cansa'yapi / Lower Sioux Indian Community
& WebEx

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Elder Lydia Conito, Red Tree Drum
- III. Roll Call – Shannon Geshick, Executive Director
- IV. Chairman Larsen Birthday Honor Song and Blanket Gifting

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—Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Cathy Chavers, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Johnny Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Mike Fairbanks, for Chairman Fairbanks White Earth Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Cyndy Milda, for Rebecca Crooks Stratton, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community</i>	PRESENT
<i>Board Member—Melanie Benjamin Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe</i>	ABSENT

9 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan

Representative Bobby Harder

Representative Heather Keeler

Senator Mary Kunesh

Commissioner of Administration – Alice Roberts-Davis

Commissioner of Corrections – Wendy Spry (Tribal Liaison) for Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education – Willie Jett

Commissioner of DEED – Steve Grove

Commissioner of Health – Brooke Cunningham

Commissioner of Human Service – Jodi Harpstead

Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency – Jennifer Leimaile Ho

Commissioner of Natural Resources –Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Transportation –Nancy Daubenberger
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation – Ida Rukavina
Commissioner of Veteran Affairs – Doug Hughes for Larry Herke

Non-voting members absent:

Senator Paul Utke
Commissioner of Human Rights – Rebecca Lucero (excused)

Visiting Commissioners present:

Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold
Chair of Met Council –Charles Zelle
Commissioner of Office of Higher Education – Dennis Olson
Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency –Katrina Kessler
Commissioner of Public Safety – Bob Jacobson
Commissioner of Revenue – Assistant Commissioner Martha Burton for Paul Marquart
Commissioner of Labor and Industry –Nicole Blissenbach
Commissioner of Military Affairs – Deputy Adjutant General Kruse
Commissioner of MnIT –Tarek Tomes
Commissioner of Agriculture – Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey for Thom Peterson

Visiting Commissioners absent:

Commissioner of Minnesota Management and Budget – James Schowalter
Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Johnny Villarreal (excused)

- I. MOTION by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa) to approve the November 2022, minutes, seconded by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing (Red Lake Nation): MOTION **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Grants Manager – bypassed due to executive session. Motion by Gichi-Onigaming (Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). Second by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong (Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). MOTION **PASSED 9 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
**Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.*

BOARD UPDATES: Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan; Representative Bobby Harder. Representative Heather Keeler; Senator Mary Kunesh; Administration Commissioner Roberts-Davis; Corrections Tribal Liaison Spry for Commissioner Schnell; Education Commissioner Jett; DEED Commissioner Grove; Health Commissioner Cunningham; DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead; Housing and Finance Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; Natural Resources Commissioner Sarah Strommen; Transportation Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger; Iron

Range Resources & Rehabilitation Commissioner Ida Rukavina; Veteran's Affairs Deputy Commissioner Doug Hughes for Commissioner Larry Herke

AGENCY UPDATES: Commissioner Grace Arnold; Met Council Charles Zelle; Higher Education Commissioner Dennis Olson; Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Katrina Kessler; Public Safety Commissioner Bob Jacobson; Revenue Assistant Commissioner Martha Burton for Paul Marquart; Labor and Industry Commissioner Nicole Blissenbach; Military Affairs – Deputy Adjutant General Kruse

III. REPORTS:

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families – Jill Esch
Urban Indian Advisory Board – None
Tribal Nations Education Committee – None
Joint Advisory Committee – Arielle Aude Mental Health Advisory
Tribal Health Directors – Samuel Moose

I. APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS

College Waiver Support Letter (Office of Higher Education) motioned by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag /White Earth Nation Seconded by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing / Red Lake Nation **8 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Ombudsman Office for American Indian Families Board Appointment

Recommended Chairman Kevin Dupuis. Motioned by Miskwaagamiwi-Zaagaiganing (Red Lake Nation) seconded by Gichi-Onigaming (Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa). **7 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Ombudsman Office for American Indian Families Appointment motioned by Gaa-zagaskwaajimekaag / Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong /Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **7 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

Skills-Based Training Resolution MNDOT motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong /Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **7 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

Tribal Encounter Rate for Housing Letter motioned by Zagaakwaandagowininiwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong /Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **7 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

MIFPA Resolution motioned by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Seconded by Nah-gah-chi-wa-nong /Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **7 for 0 opposed 0 silent.**

II. OLD BUSINESS:

III. NEW BUSINESS:

IV. Public Comments:

a. Noted in WebEx chat

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Adjourned: 5:28 PM motioned by Zagaakwaandagowiniwag / Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Seconded by Gaa-waabaabiganikaag / White Earth Nation

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director