

Quarterly Board Meeting

Grand Portage Lodge & Casino, Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa/WebEx
70 Casino Dr., Grand Portage, MN 55605

Wednesday May 5, 2022

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – John Morrin; Stone Bridge Singers
- III. Roll Call – Shannon Geshick, Executive Director

MIAC Executive Board Members	
<i>Board Chair</i> —Robert L. Larsen, President Lower Sioux Indian Community	PRESENT
<i>Board Vice-Chair</i> — Robert (Bobby) Deschampe, Chairman Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> —Kevin R. DuPuis, Sr., Chairman Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> —David Morrison, Sr. for Cathy Chavers, Chairwoman Bois Forte Band of Chippewa	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> — LeRoy Staples-Fairbanks for Faron Jackson, Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> —Johnny Johnson, President Prairie Island Indian Community	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> —Michael Fairbanks, Chairman White Earth Nation	ABSENT
<i>Board Member</i> — Samuel Strong, Secretary Red Lake Nation	PRESENT
<i>Board Member</i> —Rebecca Crooks-Stratton, Secretary/Treasurer Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community	ABSENT
<i>Board Member</i> —Melanie Benjamin, Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe	PRESENT

8 out of 10 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

Commissioner of Corrections—Paul Schnell

Commissioner of Education—Heather Mueller
Commissioner of DEED—Steve Grove
Commissioner of Health— Assistant Commissioner Mary Manning and Tribal Liaison Jackie Dionne for Jan Malcolm
Commissioner of Human Service—Jodi Harpstead
Commissioner of Human Rights— Audel Shokohzadeh for Rebecca Lucero
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation—Mark Phillips
Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency— Corey Strong for Jennifer Leimaile Ho
Commissioner of Natural Resources—Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Transportation— Interim Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger
Commissioner of Veteran Affairs—Larry Herke

Non-voting members absent:

Senator Paul Utke

Visiting Commissioners:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission – Matt Schuerger
Commissioner of Agriculture – Assistant commissioner Patrice Bailey and Tribal Liaison Shannon Kesner for Thom Peterson for Thom Peterson
Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Deputy Commissioner Todd Doncavage for Johnny Villarreal
Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold
Chair of Met Council –Charles Zelle
Commissioner of MnIT –Tarek Tomes
Commissioner of Office of Higher Learning – 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 Department of Management and Budget – James Schowalter
Commissioner of Military Affairs – Major Corey Robinson

- I. MOTION by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to approve the March 1, 2022 minutes, seconded by Prairie Island Indian Community: **MOTION PASSED 8 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative & Grants Director— bypassed due to Executive Session. Motion by Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Second by Prairie Island Indian Community. **MOTION PASSED 8**

For 0 Opposed 0 Silent

**Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.*

III. **BOARD UPDATES:** Rep. Heather Keeler, Senator Mary Kunesh; MHFA Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho; Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan; DEED Commissioner Steve Grove; MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke; DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell; DHS Commissioner Jodie Harpstead; MDH Assistant Commissioner Mary Manning and Jackie Dionne for Commissioner Jan Malcolm; MDE Commissioner Heather Mueller; Commissioner Alice Roberts-Davis; MDHR Commissioner Rebecca Lucero; Commissioner of Commerce Grace Arnold; DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen; MDOT Interim Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger

IV. **AGENCY UPDATES:** Met Council Charles Zelle, MNIT Commissioner Tarek Tomes, OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson, MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler, DPS Commissioner John Harrington, MDR Commissioner Dawn Blanchard for Robert Doty

V. **REPORTS:**

Ombudsperson for American Indian Families - Jill Esch

Urban Indian Advisory Board – Marisa Cummings – **no update provided**

Tribal Nations Education Committee – Jennifer Murray

Joint Advisory Committee – Bonnie Fairbanks and Virgil Sohm

Tribal Health Directors - Samuel Moose

I. **APPOINTMENTS and RESOLUTIONS**

Statewide Emergency Communications Board Recommended appointment - Red Lake Nation Public Safety Director Michael Burns. Motioned by Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe seconded by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. **8 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Department of the Interior Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee Letter of support to nominate Chief Executive Melanie Benjamin to the inaugural Department of the Interior Secretaries' Tribal Advisory Committee. Motioned by Prairie Island Indian Community seconded by Bois Forte Band of Chippewa. **8 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Everett BlackThunder for the Dakota cultural resources position Motion by Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa seconded by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa. **8 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

II. OLD BUSINESS:

III. NEW BUSINESS:

IV. Public Comments:

a. Noted in WebEx chat

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Meeting Adjourned: 6:02PM motioned by Prairie Island Indian Community Seconded by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa **8 for 0 opposed 0 silent**

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director &

Kaytlyn Lundstrom, Executive Assistant