

Quarterly Board Meeting
Treasure Island, Prairie Island Indian Community/WebEx
5734 Sturgeon Lake Rd, Welch, MN 55089
Tuesday November 16, 2021
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Meeting called to order – Robert Larsen, Board Chair
- II. Invocation and Prayer – Carrie Owen and Calvin Campbell
- 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—LeRoy Staples Fairbanks for Faron Jackson, **Sr., Chairman Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**
PRESENT

Board Member—Robert Deschampe, **Chairman 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—Kelsey Scares The Hawk for Keith B. Anderson, **President Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community**
PRESENT

Board Member—Sheldon Boyd for Melanie Benjamin, **Chief Executive Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe**
PRESENT

10 out of 10 present

A quorum was present

Non-voting members present:

Governor's Office- Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan
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—Deputy Commissioner Hamse Warfa for Steve Grove
Commissioner of Health—Jan Malcolm
Commissioner of Human Service—Jodi Harpstead
Commissioner of Human Rights—Rebecca Lucero
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation—Tribal liaison Billie Isham for Mark Phillips
Commissioner of Minnesota Housing Finance Agency— Jennifer Leimaile Ho
Commissioner of Natural Resources—Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Transportation— Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner of Veteran Affairs—Larry Herke

Non-voting members absent:

Senator Paul Utke
Representative Dean Urdahl

Visiting Commissioners:

Commissioner of Agriculture – Patrice Bailey for Thom Peterson
Commissioner of Bureau of Mediation Services – Tribal Liaison Marshall Thompson for
Commissioner Janet Johnson - No update
Commissioner of Commerce – Grace Arnold
Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Management and Budget – James Schowalter
Chair of Met Council – Robert Lilligren for Charles Zelle
Commissioner of Military Affairs – Major Corey Robinson for MG Shawn Manke
Commissioner of MnIT – Tarek Tomes
Commissioner of Office of Higher Learning – Dennis Olson
Commissioner of Pollution Control Agency – Peter Tester for Katrina Kessler
Commissioner of Public Safety – John Harrington
Commissioner of Revenue – Robert Doty
Commissioner of Labor and Industry –Roslyn Robertson

Visiting Commissioners absent:

N/A

- I. MOTION by Bois Forte Band of Chippewa to approve the August 24, 2021 minutes, seconded by Prairie Island Indian Community: MOTION **PASSED 10 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**

- II. **MIAC STAFF REPORTS** – Executive Director, Cultural Resources, Legislative & Grants Director— bypassed due to Executive Session. Motion by Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Second by Prairie Island Indian Community. MOTION **PASSED 10 For 0 Opposed 0 Silent**
Copies of staff reports are available on the MIAC website.

- III. **BOARD UPDATES:** Rep. Heather Keeler, Senator Mary Kunesh, IRRR Tribal liaison Billie Isham for Mark Phillips, MHFA Commissioner Jennifer Leimaile Ho, Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan, DEED Deputy Commissioner Hamse Warfa for Steve Grove, MDVA Commissioner Larry Herke, DOC Commissioner Paul Schnell, DHS Commissioner Jodie Harpstead, MDH 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 Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher

- IV. **AGENCY UPDATES:** MDA Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey, Military Affairs Major Corey Robinson, MMB Commissioner James Schowalter, Met Council Robert Lilligren, MNIT Commissioner Tarek Tomes, OHE Commissioner Dennis Olson, MPCA Assistant Commissioner Peter Tester, DPS Commissioner John Harrington, MDR Commissioner Robert Doty, Labor and Industry Commissioner Roslyn Robertson

- V. **REPORTS:**
Ombudsperson for American Indian Families - Jill Esch

Urban Indian Advisory Committee – Bypassed

Tribal Nations Education Committee - Maria Burnett

Joint Advisory Committee – Laurie York

Tribal Health Directors - Samuel Moose and Pat Butler

- I. **APPOINTMENTS**

- Urban Indian Advisory Board, St. Paul Representative: Appointed Richard Latterner

- II. OLD BUSINESS:
- III. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Vote to move forward with the Boarding School Adoption Era Truth Commission Resolution. Motion by Bois Forte seconded by Grand Portage MOTION
PASSED: 10 for; 0 Opposed; 0 Silent

Board Chair Robert L. Larsen requests consultation with Commissioner Schowalter to address the classification of MIAC's positions and how they are paid in relation to other state agencies. Consultation agreed upon, will be set for a future date.

IV. Public Comments:

- a. Noted in WebEx chat

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next meeting February 28, March 1, 2, to be hosted by Fond du Lac

Meeting Adjourned 4:13PM, motioned by Grand Portage Seconded by Bois Forte

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Geshick, Executive Director &

Kaytlyn Lundstrom, Executive Assistant