



PORTAGE COUNTY

PORTAGE COUNTY DIVERSITY AFFAIRS AND INCLUSIVENESS COMMITTEE MINUTES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021
4:30pm

ANNEX CONFERENCE ROOM 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

1. REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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Face coverings are required for in-person attendance unless an exemption applies.

2. CALL TO ORDER (5:00 PM)

Members Present: A. FARKAS, C. BENNY, D. RAABE, M. JOHNSON AND M. ZARAZUA
Members Excused: A. ANDAY AND M. YOUNG

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[1/21/2021](#)

Motion made by Supervisor Raabe, seconded by C. member Farkas to approve 1/21/2021 meeting minutes.

Voice vote: unanimous

Minutes approved.

4. REPORTS

5. CORRESPONDENCE

6. [21-2943](#) REQUEST FROM POINT OF DISCOVERY

[asking to share information about a student project on social justice](#)

7. [21-2944](#) REQUEST FROM RECYCLING CONNECTION

[seeking people of diverse backgrounds for their board, with application for board of directors](#)
[RCC Board application](#)

8. PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time, with such comments subject to the reasonable control of the Committee Chair as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.



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9. DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SPECIAL MEETINGS (PORTAGE COUNTY ORDINANCE 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)

- REQUEST FOR SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE
- APPROVAL OF ATTENDANCE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS
- SPECIAL MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORTS

10. [21-2945](#)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION- REAFFIRM MLK DAY RESOLUTION

[MLK Day Resolution](#)

Note: Motion by C. member Farkas, second by Supervisor Raabe to amend the resolution by removing the second to last "**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED** that the Portage County Board of Supervisors demonstrates its support of this legacy by requesting County Administration present an overview of the County Diversity Training efforts including both departmental and County-wide training sessions."

Voice vote on the motion to amend revealed (5) ayes, Supervisor Johnson; Supervisor Raabe; C. Member Zarazua; C. Member Benny; C. Member Farkas (2) excused, C. Member Young, Supervisor Anday

Motion to amend Carried

[Amended resolution](#)

Technical changes:

- All references to MLK or Dr. King changed to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
- Change use of inclusiveness to inclusion

Note: Motion by C. member Benny, second by C. member Farkas to amend the amended resolution to include

" Now therefore be it also resolved, that the Portage County Board of Supervisors demonstrate its support of this legacy by requesting the County Administration organize a day-long series of workshops focused on diversity, inclusion, and equity which will be offered to all Portage County employees on MLK Day 2022."

Voice vote on the motion to amend revealed (2) ayes, C. Member Benny; C. Member Farkas, (3) nays, C. Member Zarazua; Supervisor Raabe; Supervisor Johnson, (2) excused, supervisor Anday; C. member Young

Motion to amend defeated

11. [21-2946](#)

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION- CREATE PORTAGE COUNTY PROPOSAL- ASSISTANCE WITH COMMITTEE RESOURCE PAGE

[Proposal](#)

Note: Committee was in support of exploring the feasibility/next steps of this proposal with the help of County staff.



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12. **21-2947**

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION-
BEGINNING TO COMPILE A DEFINITIONS PAGE
[Definitions for consideration](#)

Note: Motion made by C. Member Benny, second by Supervisor Raabe to adopt definitions for committee work.

Voice Vote on motion revealed (5) ayes, Supervisor Johnson; Supervisor Raabe; C. Member Zarazua; C. Member Benny; C. Member Farkas (2) excused, C. Member Young, Supervisor Anday

Motion carried

13. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 18, 2021 @ 4:30pm

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

15. **NOTICES**

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