



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

DIVERSITY AFFAIRS AND INCLUSIVENESS COMMITTEE

PORTAGE COUNTY ANNEX
CONFERENCE ROOMS 1 & 2
1462 STRONGS AVENUE
STEVENS POINT, WI 54481

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

6:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness Committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Robin Falk.

Members Present: Joan Honl, Vinnie Miresse, Andrew Rockman, Jennifer Bushman, Miguelgabriel Campos, Valari Hartmann, Dustin Moen

Attending In-Person: Joan Honl, Vinnie Miresse, Andrew Rockman, Jennifer Bushman, Miguelgabriel Campos, Valari Hartmann, Dustin Moen

Attending Online: None

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Robin Falk

Others Attending: County Executive John Pavelski, Supervisor Soik, Supervisor Haga, Brandi Makuski (press), Keith Kedrowski, Jack Elsinger, other members of the public in person and online

PUBLIC NOTICE

Registered to Speak: Jack Elsinger, Keith Kedrowski

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.

ELECTION OF CHAIR:

Robin Falk called for nominations for Chair. Andrew Rockman nominated Vinnie Miresse. Robin Falk called three times for further nominations. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Joan Honl, seconded by Jennifer Bushman to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Vinnie Miresse. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

1. The Nominations are now open for the 2022-2024 Chairperson of Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness.
2. Following the election of the Chair, the meeting is now procured by the Chair.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:

Chair Miresse called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Jennifer Bushman nominated herself. There being no further nominations, a motion was made by Vincent Miresse to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Jennifer Bushman as Vice Chair. Motion carried by voice vote with no negative votes.

3. The Nominations are now open for the 2022-2024 Vice Chairperson of Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Joan Honl, seconded by Andrew Rockman, to approve. Motion to carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

4. February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

REPORTS

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Comments were given by the public.

5. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Regarding Special Meeting Attendance (Portage County Ordinance 3.1.47 & 3.1.48)
 - Request for special meeting attendance
 - Approval of attendance of special meetings
 - Special meeting attendance reports
6. Discussion/Possible Action Re: Code Of Ordinances Section 3.1.6 (d) 1-5:
 - d. The committee members will work collectively and individually to:
 1. Enlist the cooperation of agencies, organizations, and individuals in the community to promote awareness and appreciation of diversity and inclusiveness;
 2. Evaluate Portage County's policies for bias and make recommendations to reduce bias and create more inclusiveness;
 3. Recommend strategies that improve Portage County's capacity to attract and retain people from groups that are either marginalized or underrepresented in central Wisconsin;
 4. Promote equitable and fair access to public services; and
 5. Develop strategies to address public health issues related to discrimination, oppression, and racism.

CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence has been received.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11th at 5pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Andrew Rockman, seconded by Joan Honl, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned.at 7:15pm

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