



PORTAGE COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

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

DIVERSITY AFFAIRS AND INCLUSIVENESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 13, 2023

5:00 PM

REMOTE ATTENDANCE & COMMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

The Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00pm

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

Members Excused: Dustin Moen

Staff Attending: Robin Falk

Others Attending: Supervisor Soik, Executive Pavelski, Supervisor Keller

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Comments on correspondence by Jennifer Bushman, Miguel Campos, Supervisor Honl, Supervisor Miresse, Supervisor Soik. Supervisor Rockman noted he did not have time to read the article, but would soon.

1. Article: The Risk of "[Diversity of Thought](https://www.thereadysset.co/blog/the-risk-of-diversity-of-thought)" Without DEI
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. March 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Supervisor Honl, seconded by Jennifer Bushman, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion to carried by voice vote, with no negative votes.

REPORTS

Report given by Jennifer Bushman regarding comments made by Supervisor Miresse at the Executive Operations Committee meeting regarding the citizen members of the Diversity Affairs and Inclusiveness Committee. Miguel Campos also reported as well.

Report given by Jennifer Bushman regarding "Be Kind To Your Mind" mental health awareness event, sponsored by the Junior Women's Club to be held on May 7th

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion/Possible Action Re: 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
4. Discussion/ Possible Action Re: Gaps in Health Equity continued:

- Review questions submitted by committee
- Discussion/ selection of questions for department heads/ staff

Selected for survey questions:

1. How do you define health equity?
2. a) What data is Portage County using to assess and ensure health equity?
b) What data do you wish you had access to?
3. Do you see glaring disparities in our county's access to quality health care?
4. Do you feel health equity is an issue worth exploring in Portage County?
5. Are there any systemic issues that are helping or hindering health equity in Portage County?
6. Is there anything else you would like to add?

5. Discussion/ Possible Action Re: Committee Goals/ Benchmarking

NEXT MEETING DATE

May 11th, 5:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

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Notice: A quorum of the Portage County Board of Supervisors, or any committee thereof, may be present at this meeting.