

DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMISSION (DAC)
STEERING COMMITTEE
In person & via Zoom

DATE: October 13, 2022

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: JAMES P. COUGHLIN CENTER (JPCC)
625 E. COUNTY ROAD Y, SUITE 600
OSHKOSH, WI 54901-8131

MEMBERS PRESENT: JARED LONGSINE, CHAIRMAN
KAY HORAN
TAMEESHA JACKSON

RACHAEL DOWLING – VIA ZOOM
KATHRYN NOLL-ARIAS – VIA ZOOM

ALSO PRESENT: SUSAN ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
MELLISA STAFFORD – CITIZEN
TAMAR MATHWIG – CITIZEN
SHANAH ZASTERA – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

VIRTUAL: CONLEY HANSON – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
DOUG GIERYN – PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

1. Roll Call.

Chairman Jared Longsine called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Invocation – Supervisor Horan.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the invocation by Kay Horan.

3. Adopt Agenda.

Motion by Tameesha Jackson and seconded by Kay Horan to adopt the agenda for tonight's meeting. MOTION CARRIES.

4. Approve Minutes from September 8, 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes made by Tameesha Jackson, seconded by Kay Horan. MOTION CARRIES 3-0. Members Rachael Dowling and Kathryn Noll-Arias attended virtually and could not vote due to the new County Board rule.

5. Public comment

The following individuals voiced their concerns regarding agenda item 6: Discuss comments made by supervisors during the UW Extension, Education, and Agriculture Committee Meeting from 09/15/2022.

- Winnebago County Board Supervisor Conley Hanson
- DAC Member and Winnebago County Board Supervisor Rachael Dowling

DAC Member Kathryn Noll- Arias voiced her concerns on the comments made as well as new members voting to dissolve DAC.

Winnebago County Board Supervisor Shanah Zastera attended the 09/19/2022 WCA conference, session DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) regional meeting called Lessons Learned. She shared information from that meeting and spoke about incidents that have taken place that were shared at the speaking event.

6. Discuss comments made by supervisors during the UW Extension, Education, and Agriculture Committee Meeting from 09/15/2022.

Jared discussed the events that took place at the 9/15/2022 UW Extension, Education and Agriculture Committee Meeting. He has followed up with his concerns regarding the incident to Winnebago County Board Chairman Egan and Winnebago County Board Supervisor Hinz who is Jared's district supervisor but has heard no response yet.

7. Discuss November and December Meeting for inclusion of updating bylaws, strategic plan, and future speakers and possible vote.

Chairman Longsine stated at the last meeting they voted on a resolution to dissolve DAC for the second time. They sent that resolution to the UW Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee to be voted on. The Chairman, Supervisor Steven Binder, for that specific committee asked to table that resolution until November. A motion was made, voted on and approved to table the resolution until November. DAC members do not wait until November and want to push it forward. Therefore, DAC members and Winnebago County Board Supervisors Rachael Dowling and Kay Horan will bring it to the County Board themselves. The resolution has been forwarded to Corporation Counsel. It was not on the October County Board meeting because there were no names on the resolution. DAC is hoping that this resolution will be presented to the County Board in November. If the County Board looks to keep the DAC in existence, the commission will need to work on updating the bylaws, come up with a strategic plan and discuss future speakers. There are two individuals that are interested in becoming members of the DAC which will be addressed at the November meeting and would need to be voted on. If DAC votes and approves, County Executive would need to appoint them and would be presented to County Board for approval.

8. Set meeting date. (Future meetings may not be needed based on pending resolution sent to the Board of Supervisors)

Next meeting date 11/17/2022 at 5:30 pm at County Administrative Building (CAB).

9. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:20pm by Tameesha Jackson, seconded by Kay Horan.
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cassie Smith-Gregor
Winnebago County Clerk's Office