

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

DATE: November 17, 2022

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

PLACE: COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
112 OTTER AVENUE
CONFERENCE ROOM 120
OSHKOSH, WI 54901

MEMBERS PRESENT: JARED LONGSINE, CHAIRMAN
KAY HORAN
RACHAEL DOWLING
KATHRYN NOLL-ARIAS

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

VIRTUAL: CONLEY HANSON – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
MICHAEL NORTON – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
DEB MARTIN – CITIZEN
BETH G. – CITIZEN
ANN CATTAN – CITIZEN

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 some readings, a moment of silence and the invocation by Kay Horan.

3. Adopt Agenda.

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

4. Approve Minutes from October 13, 2022 meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes made by Rachael Dowling, seconded by Kathryn Noll-Arias. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

5. Public comment

Kathryn Noll-Arias would like to re-order numbers 2 and 3 on the agenda. Moving forward, adopt agenda should come before invocation.

Supervisor Hanson requested a copy of the readings from Supervisor Horan that was read earlier. He also wanted to speak in favor of the bylaws introduction which encourages more

community involvement and discussion which is key to moving anything forward. He likes the idea of quarterly meetings which could be create more productivity.

Deb Martin from Oshkosh voiced her comments on this committee and how important it is for the community and being more inclusive and welcoming.

6. Vote on appointment recommendation for the interested community members: Mellisa Stafford and Tamar Mathwig

This vote is only a recommendation and will be forwarded to the County Executive. County Executive Jon Doemel would decide if an appointment will be made or not. If he makes the appointments, they are then forwarded and presented to the County Board for approval.

Tamar Mathwig and Mellisa Stafford both shared why they are interested in becoming a member of DAC.

Chairman Jared Longsine, Rachael Dowling, Kathryn Noll-Arias and Kay Horan all shared their reasons why they wanted to be on this DAC commission.

A motion to vote on appointment recommendation for Tamar Mathwig for the Diversity Affairs Commission made by Kathryn Noll-Arias, seconded by Kay Horan. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

A motion to vote on appointment recommendation for Mellisa Stafford for the Diversity Affairs Commission made by Kathryn Noll-Arias, seconded by Kay Horan. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

7. Planning and voting on events for 2023 (and possibly 2024) calendar year.

Jared discussed briefly agenda items 7 and 10.

Kathryn Noll-Arias had a suggestion. If we comb through these bylaws, I would suggest taking one article at a time and not rush through it.

Jared would like to postpone agenda items 7 and 10 so everyone has a chance and opportunity to look through documents, note any items that may need some changes and address at the next meeting.

Chairman Longsine makes a motion to postpone agenda items 7 and 10 to discuss at the next meeting in January, seconded by Kathryn Noll-Arias. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

8. "Order of Command" discussion – Supervisor Dowling

Supervisor Dowling stated that prior to the County Board Budget meeting, an organizational chart was handed out for each department. When she looked at the UW Extension organizational chart, DAC was left out and also left out of the budget. Rachael just wanted to make everyone aware of that. If we need to address this, we would need to address this with the UW Extension director.

9. Discuss UW Extension, Education and Agriculture Committee Meeting from 11/17/2022.

UW Extension Committee voted this morning that DAC would continue and will now go to the County Board for a vote. There is a vacancy position that was previously held by Mandi Dornfeld who helped out with this commission. The job description will be coming in December and posted in January. Having someone in the position by April is very slim. This new role will help in setting up meetings, taking the minutes and serve as a support role for the DAC. This is a position under the UW Extension.

Chairman Longsine stated that all individuals, public and/or Winnebago County Supervisors, are welcome to attend any meetings.

10. Discuss updating bylaws, strategic plan, and future speakers and possible vote.

Chairman Longsine made a motion to postpone agenda items 7 and 10 to discuss at the next meeting in January, seconded by Kathryn Noll-Arias. MOTION CARRIES 4-0.

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

Next meeting date 01/23/2023 at 5:30 pm at the County Administrative Building (CAB).

12. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:28 pm by Kay Horan, seconded by Rachael Dowling. MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cassie Smith-Gregor
Winnebago County Clerk's Office