

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2023

Zoom - Virtual Meeting

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land acknowledgement was read by Chris Ventura. Chris added that since joining Brock University as a staff member, he has been impressed with the dedication of the institution towards decolonization, especially being such a clear colonial structure. Recently, Brock passed its academic plan (<https://brocku.ca/vp-academic/academic-plan/>), and within its DNA is a clear commitment to decolonization within the plan. Recognizing better is always possible, there is much work to do, but it is encouraging to see such a full throated commitment to decolonization within these foundational documents of the institution.

CALL TO ORDER

Chris Ventura called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Chris Ventura, Kelly Pilato, Faith Scott, Matthew Mahler, Christopher Yendt
Tara McKendrick (ex officio)

Regrets: Andrew Bassingthwaighte, Marlena Stadnik-Misner

Recorder: Sherry Riddick

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

No conflict of interest was declared.

PRESENTATION

- Community Accountability Planning Submission (CAPs) Update – There is no update at this time. January 31st was the final submission deadline and an email was received that there would be a response provided by end of day, but unfortunately nothing was received. Several other agencies have not heard back yet either. Matt observed that there was a lot of social media speaking about the funding levels for mental health. The

Niagara Region Counsel was debating about a call for emergency about the crisis for mental health and addictions and homelessness.

AGENDA

The agenda was approved by all.

Moved by: Faith Scott
Seconded by: Matt Mahler

That the Agenda for the Board Meeting of February 23, 2023 be adopted as circulated with the addition of interim appointment for 2 new board members.

Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The minutes were approved by all.

Moved by: Matt Mahler
Seconded by: Kelly Pilato

That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held Thursday January 26, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by: Kelly Pilato
Seconded by: Faith Scott

That the Consent Agenda information be received.

Carried.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- **CMHA Niagara Game Day with Niagara Ice Dogs was February 7**, and was a great success with great representation by CMHA supporters. Go Dogs!
- **12th Annual Women and Wellness fundraiser was February 21, 2023**, at Club Roma with live entertainment by local mental health advocate Samantha Marchionda. Great success with approximately 200 in attendance, and further details will be shared in future regarding results and funds raised. Tara thanked the committee of Karen Marazzo, Caren Burt and Sherry Riddick.
- MPP Wayne Gates hosted an “Emergency Town Hall” meeting on February 9 with panel presentations from various aspects of health care. CMHA was invited to participate on panel, but was unable to sufficiently prepare, so compromised with attendance of ED to be available for questions from the group as needed. CMHA Niagara’s presence was announced to the

audience, however, there were no questions specific to mental health and addictions during the Town Hall. A meeting is being scheduled for the ED to meet with the office of Mr. Gates to share more specifically about the challenges of the community based mental health and addictions services. Mr. Gates also to come to the office at 264 Welland Ave to meet with ED on March 14th, 2023.

- **Bargaining has been started with CUPE**, and has needed to be rescheduled from the union side due to various reasons. Will continue to reschedule as needed until completes, although timelines are unsure at this time and are in the hand of the union.

Moved by: Faith Scott

Seconded by: Kelly Pilato

That the ED Report for February 2023 be accepted.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris V motioned to recommend an interim board appointment for two new board members: Peter Fraser and Timothy Nelles. The two will be interim until the Annual General Meeting in June. Everyone consented and approved.

Moved by: Chris Ventura

Seconded by: Matt Mahler

OTHER BUSINESS

Link to Meeting survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FYRSVZ3>

Moved by: Faith Scott

Seconded by: Chris Ventura

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Ventura moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.