

Committee and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 18, 2024

at 5:30pm

Virtual - Zoom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CALL TO ORDER

Andrew Bassingthwaighte called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The land acknowledgement was read by Andrew Bassingthwaighte. Andrew Bassingthwaighte noted that Brock University has an employee who worked on the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and is an excellent resource when it comes to discussing issues related to the TRC's, land acknowledgments, and decolonization.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Andrew Bassingthwaighte, Timothy Nelles, Peter Fraser, Chris Ventura, Kelly Pilato, Faith Scott, Tara McKendrick (ex officio), Christopher Yendt

Regrets: None.

Recorder: Chris Ventura

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

No conflict of interest was declared.

PRESENTATION

The scheduled presentation was deferred to a future meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Annual Budget discussion was deferred to the May 2024 Board meeting.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chris Ventura provided updates regarding the recent recruitment efforts, and presented the following motion:

Moved by: Chris Ventura
Seconded by: Faith Scott

That the Governance Committee **RECOMMENDS** the following candidates to join the Board at the next meeting in May 2024 dependent on the signing of the required attestations:

- Clayton Roenspiess
- Fred Cipryk

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Faith Scott moved to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:50 pm, Timothy Nelles seconded the motion.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CALL TO ORDER

Andrew Bassingthwaighte called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Present: Andrew Bassingthwaighte, Timothy Nelles, Peter Fraser, Chris Ventura, Kelly Pilato, Faith Scott, Tara McKendrick (ex officio), Christopher Yendt

Regrets: None.

Recorder: Chris Ventura

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT

No conflict of interest was declared.

AGENDA

Moved by: Kelly Pilato

Seconded by: Timothy Nelles

That the Agenda for the Board Meeting of April 18, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

Moved by: Peter Fraser

Seconded by: Chris Ventura

That the Minutes of the Board Meeting held Thursday March 21, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Tara McKendrick, Executive Director, CMHA Niagara Branch, provided a Report from the Executive Director. Topics of the report included:

- Serving on the Regional Coordinated Access Local Advisory Committee for Ontario Health West Region
- Highlighted a grant proposal submitted through the David S. Howes Fund Grant through the Niagara Community Foundation titled "Trauma Informed Care for Public Facing Workers".
- Proposed funding continuation through United Way Niagara.
- Provincial budget announcement analysis provided by CMHA Ontario.
- A Save the Date for Thursday June 20, 5-6pm to attend the official launch of the CMHA Niagara Branch Donor Appreciation Wall.
- ED's reappointment to the Niagara Regional Police Service Board for a 3 year term.
- Attendance at the State of the Region address with Chair Jim Bradley.
- Update on support for Sherry Riddick, Executive Assistant on the loss of her son, included links to messages and gifts of sympathy.
- Update on Solar Eclipse safety planning success.
- Update on Senior Leadership Team's work to identify recommended operational objectives for fiscal 2024-25.

Board members discussed several aspects of the Report. Chris Ventura requested information respecting CMHA National's response to the recently released Federal Budget. Tara McKendrick advised she would follow up with CMHA National for information regarding the budget as related to mental health spending.

Moved by: Faith Scott

Seconded by: Peter Fraser

That the ED Report for March 2024 BE RECEIVED for information.

Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by: Chris Yendt

Seconded by: Timothy Nelles

That the Board **APPROVE** the Governance Committee recommendation that the following candidates to join the Board at our next meeting in May 2024 dependent on signing of the required attestations:

- Clayton Roenspiess
- Fred Cipryk

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

NEXT MEETING

The next combined Committee and Board meeting will be held May 16, 2024 at 5:30 pm, at 264 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines.

ADJOURNMENT

Kelly Pilato moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm, Andrew Bassingthwaighte seconded the motion.