

# Full Council Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: 121 East 7th Place, St. Paul MN 55101

Meeting conducted via Zoom

Members present via conference line (zoom), Christy Ceaz Claudio, Myrna Peterson, Nichole Villavicencio, Trent Dilks, Ted Stamp, Quinn Nystrom, Leigh Lake, Dave Johnson, Muzamil Ibrahim Hope Johnson and Andrew Christensen. Ex-Officio members present, Aaron Kallunki, Evy Engrav, Leslie Kerkhoff, Sylvia Varco, Tom Delaney. Other attendees, Ann Schulte, Elizabeth Emerson, and Jean Swensen.

Staff Present: David Dively, MCD Executive Director, Shannon Hartwig, Linda Gremillion, Trevor Turner, Chad Miller, David Fenley, Margot Imdieke, and Kody Olson

## Agenda items

* Governor’s Office on the appointments process
* Public policy agenda for the 2021 Session
* Approval for staff to have a single point of contact to address immediate policy issues
* Update on the policy forum on December 17th, 2020
* Update on the disability community engagement group and their events in January 2021
* Recommendation - Policy and Monitoring Committee Vacancy
* Public comment period

Call to Order 2:03 p.m.

Roll Call of members.

Motion to approve agenda was made by Myrna Peterson and seconded by Leigh Lake, motion unanimously passed by roll call vote, with all members in favor.

## Governor’s Office on the appointments process

Madelyn Nelson and Jacqueline Congello provided a presentation to the group on the Governor’s and Secretary of State application and appointment process. The group held discussion and were provided contact information for further questions.

## Public policy agenda for the 2021 Session

David Dively and Trevor Turner provided a review of the 2021 MCD Policy Agenda. Items as follows:

* Public policy agenda for the 2021 Session - Trevor Turner
	+ Rare disease specialists are in-network without going through multiple general practitioners for a referral
	+ Amend the Rare Disease Advisory Council statute so it has advocacy abilities and is able to take policy positions
	+ PCA driving as a billable and allowable service for their client
	+ Human Rights Amendment to require an interactive process for employee accommodations
	+ Defend and support the MCD budget
	+ Mitigate and prevent budget cuts to disability services such as within the Department of Human Services or within the Department of Employment and Economic Development

**Action:** a motion was made by Trent Dilks to approve the 2021 policy agenda as presented, it was seconded by Quinn Nystrom, motion unanimously passed by roll call vote, with 9 in favor and two members absent (Dave Johnson and Muzamil Ibrahim)

## Approval for staff to have a single point of contact to address immediate policy issues

The group discussed the need to appoint a member of the group as a single point of contact for policy issues that may arise and need a quick response. Discussion concluded with the following motion.

**Action:** a motion was made by Leigh Lake to appoint the position of the council vice chair to act as the single point of contact for policy issues that may arise. The current member holding the position is Trent Dilks, who verbally agreed. The motion was seconded by Myrna Peterson, motion unanimously passed by roll call vote, with 9 in favor and two members absent (Dave Johnson and Muzamil Ibrahim)

## Update on the policy forum on December 17th, 2020

Staff members David Dively and Trevor turner provided the group with a review of the upcoming 2021 Policy Forum.

## Update on the disability community engagement group and their events in January 2021

David Dively, MCD Executive Director provided the group with a verbal review of the Disability Community Engagement Group renamed to the Minnesota Disability Action Partnership.

## Recommendation - Policy and Monitoring Committee Vacancy

The group discussed the need to appoint a replacement for the chair of the Policy and Monitoring Committee, a vacancy arose with the resignation of a member. Hope Johnson was recommended to fill that position as she stepped in to assist at the last policy monitoring meeting.

**Action:** a motion was made by Andrew Christiansen to appoint Hope Johnson as chair of the Policy and Monitoring committee, it was seconded by Christy Caez Claudio, motion unanimously passed by roll call vote, with 9 in favor and two members absent (Dave Johnson and Muzamil Ibrahim)

## Public Comment

Public Comment was made by Jean Swensen, a Disability Advocate. Jean provided a presentation to the group on the topic of Right to Die, opposing physician assisted suicide legislation.

Adjourn 3:59 p.m.

Note:

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