

Minutes

Board of Trustees Meeting January 22, 2021

Summary of Action Items:

Committee Chairs:

- Be aware that C. Davis will be organizing conference calls to establish 2021 work plans.

I. Introductions

II. Roll Call & Communications

Ray called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Present:

C. Anderson

E. Anderson

C. Auffrey

J. Braverman

T. Breidenstein

K. Burton

P. Etchie

T. Hilde

L. Hollstein

T. Kinskey

K. Keough-Jurs

A. Klavora

M. Kim

K. Lieber

P. Logue

A. Lukacsy-Love

G. Milz

R. Ray

C. Ronayne

M. Schmidt

K. Scocco

M. Sinha

Absent:

T. Davis

A. Lococo

N. Martin

A. Schmidt

III. Motion to Follow or Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Klavora and seconded by Braverman to approve the agenda. Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the December 10, 2020 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Kinskey and seconded by Sinha to approve the minutes. Motion passes.

Action and Discussion Agenda

President's Report (Ray)

See boardbook for full report.

Ray reported she is going through leadership training. An exercise took place asking participants to think about what makes them be in awe of their profession. Ray asked Klavora to gather a few photos from her "AK Weekly Wander" social media series and reflect on this from the lens of *Because We Plan*. Klavora provided a series of photos from her hikes across northeast Ohio (and beyond!) and explained it started by her need to reflect and find clarity - outside! She urged the Board to really reflect on "why we do what we do."

Ray introduced new board members. Welcome!

Guest Speaker (Carlton Eley)

Carlton Eley is the Regional Equity Initiative Manager at MVRPC. He previously spent almost 15 years as the Senior Environmental Protection Specialist within the Office of Environmental Justice at EPA. He was the first urban planner hired by the Office of Environmental Justice. He has authored a PAS Memo defining equitable development and exploring its uses.

Sinha asked how to speak to others about the topic of DEI. Eley suggested reading *Doing What's Right* by Tavis Smiley. Your first role in advocacy is to know what you're talking about! **You need to become a storyteller.** Provide visuals. Development a one-on-one presentation. Walk through with those you are trying to converse with. Take the conversation from the conceptual to the actual – provide facts; provide a true story.

DEI Task Force Next Steps (Sinha)

Committee chairs will meet to discuss next steps and how to incorporate within work plans.

Legislative Committee Report (Kinskey)

Work is moving forward on legislation regarding virtual public meetings. Tacked on to another bill.

Letters for legislators (2) going out soon with a follow up campaign for members to interact with their local representatives.

Breidenstein announced that a subcommittee has formed with the intention of updating the Guide to Planning in Ohio. Previous authors are currently being contacted to gauge their interest in updating their chapter(s). Once they have been contacted, the subcommittee will establish a timeline.

2021 SPC Discussion (Ray/C. Davis)

See boardbook for full report.

Discussion will begin with the Executive Committee and Education Committee. Lieber and Sinha are also interested in participating.

Treasurer's Report (P. Logue)

See Boardbook for full report.

A motion was made by Ray and seconded by Klavora to approve report.

Executive Director's Report (C. Davis)

See Boardbook for full report.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.