



October 5, 2021 (5:30-7:30 PM)

Microsoft Teams

BOARD MINUTES

Board Members:

Jennifer Biess

Brendan Clark

Carla Respects Nothing

Elissa Hardy

Eugene Wade

Jenna Hansen

John Feeney-Coyle

Kelli Barker

Mike Malloy

MDHI Staff:

Julie Winkowski

Jamie Rife

Sierra Trujillo

Rebecca Mayer

Visitors:

Becca Channell, HOST

Emily Shamsid—Deen, ESD Consulting

ADMINISTRATIVE

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 by Mike Malloy and welcomed everyone.

Jennifer Biess read the Cultural Land Acknowledgement at 5:34 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mike Malloy covered the consent agenda.

Vote - Mike motioned to approve consent agenda, Eugene approved the motion, Brendan seconded, no opposed, motion passes by acclamation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went into executive session at 5:38 pm.

The board returned from Executive Session at 6:13.

NOFO Update – Rebecca Mayer

Rebecca shared the timeline of the NOFO application, including scoring, appeals, and convening of the committee. Seven letters of interest have come in for bonus dollars. No DV bonus letters have been submitted, but the NOFO committee extended the deadline for people to apply for this DV bonus funding. Rebecca then reviewed the process with the board on submission, review and rankings by committee.

The board will need to meet October 25th to have conversation and then approve the ranking that will need to be scheduled. No later than November 1, MDHI will have to notify applicants to be ranked, rejected, or reduced. On November 4 a Consolidated Application draft will be posted for public comment. There is a request to vote by email on this Consolidation Application between November 8-10 with the authorization to do this today. The NOFO is due November 16th.

John Feeney-Coyle made a motion to have an email vote to approve the Consolidated Application. Eugene Wade seconded the motion. Jennifer Biess abstained. The rest of the board voted to approve. The motion passed.

BOARD RETREAT – Mike Malloy

Mike Malloy introduced the board retreat. November 5 and 6 for 6-8 hours will be the board retreat. The retreat will be in person with the location to be determined. John Feeney-Coyle asked is a virtual option would be available. Mike hoped to have an answer soon on the virtual option.

Board information/survey is due by October 13 for Charney and Associates to ensure they know where to begin and where to end.

John FC made the motion to invite the Managers and Directors with Carla seconding the motion. The board all voted to approve this motion. No abstentions, no nays. The motion passed.

GOVERNANCE – John Feeney-Coyle

The Committee has interviewed several people to join the board. John reviewed structure and term limits. The board is now 9-13 members per bylaws to make recruitment more strategic. We currently have 11 board members with 10 being active. Eugene Wade will term off. In June, Elissa, and Brian term off. Three more will term off at the end of next year.

The Governance Committee will be recommending someone today. There were four applicants. Joey Willet will be recommended for the board. There were other candidates, but the Governance Committee felt it would be helpful to reserve more spots on the board to help meet the diversity goals they have set in the future.

Elissa Hardy shared the qualifications of Joey Willet, currently in Aurora Public Schools, who acts as the Title 1 Coordinator. He does a lot of advocacy work in the community for children and youth experiencing homelessness. He has a strong focus on DEI and particularly the voices of lived experience. Having representation from Aurora and education would be helpful. The Board discussed the idea of intentional recruitment and reaching outside of our collective networks in the next rounds.

Sierra noted from an equity standpoint the need not to tokenize candidates, and to recruit based on the board matrix and organizational needs.

Joey Willet's term would begin January 1.

John made a motion to bring Joey to the board. Kelli seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve Joey for the board.

Youth representation on the board was brought up. Per our bylaws, John reminded the board of the space for Youth representation and how he felt the board did not fully support the last Youth member, especially someone with lived experience. The Governance committee will be interviewing a representative. The bylaws state the Youth rep must come from the YALC leadership, but would it be best to broaden this definition to make it more general that a youth rep is on the board, not necessarily from the YALC. John discussed the pros and cons of having this change, such as the YALC members wanting to be on the board themselves.

Carla noted that it is important to keep Youth engaged and committed to the work. The board had tried to figure out how to give incentives to keep Youth engaged. Jennifer noted that the close tie to the YALC was helpful in the past as a feedback loop. Jennifer noted it is important to preserve the feedback loop. Sierra noted the YALC is only 4 members which may be a lot to serve on the board and the YALC. Mike noted that this will be a topic at the next board meeting. John said the Governance Committee make suggestions on the changes to the bylaws for the board to review.

CONTINUUM ACTIVITIES – Carla

Carla shared the team is working on the Council and Committee structure via interviews. The team is getting feedback from the staff on their opinions to see how the committees should be used and break it down to see which committees should be eliminated. The team has done a review of all the committees and now will be working to restructure the Councils and Committees.

Mike thanked the team for their work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2 began at 7:04.

The Board exited Executive Session and Mike thanked everyone for their work. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.