

Duluth Indigenous Commission
Monday, October 5, 2021
Special Meeting
Virtual WebEx Meeting

Commissioners present: Babette Sandman, Kassie Helgerson, Moira Villiard, Phoebe Davis, Roxanne DeLille, Lenelle Hrabik,

Commissioners absent: Carol Deverney, Cayla Bellanger DeGroat Rochelle Goodrich, Amber Lightfeather,

Staff present: Suzanne Kelly, Phillis Webb

Note: per the request of the Indigenous Commission members, two Ojibwe language words are used in the meeting minutes: bezhig (“one”) indicates who made the motion and niizho (“two”) indicates who seconded the motion. Gegit is used to show majority support.

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- Co-chair Sandman called the special meeting to order at 11:14 AM, introductions were made.

2. Vote on Support of City Council Boarding School Resolution

- DeLille bezhig / Helgerson niizho to support the City Council Boarding School Resolution.
- Gegit 6:0.

3. Letter of Response regarding the Boarding School Resolution

- Chair Sandman read a letter of response that would be from the Indigenous Commission regarding the Boarding Schools. The Commission agreed to have this letter submitted to City Council for support of the Boarding School Resolution.

4. Vote on Support of BIPOC Business Directory Initiative

- Davis bezhig / Helgerson niizho to support the BIPOC Business Directory.
- Gegit 6:0.

5. Announcements

- Discussed the planning for Indigenous People’s Day on October 11, 2021

6. Next Meeting October 18, 2021

- Meeting adjourned 12:15 PM