

LCC Subcommittee on Ethnic Councils
Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 19, 2017

Present:

Sen. Sandra Pappas, Chair
Rep. Bob Vogel, Vice Chair
Sen. Michelle Benson
Rep. Lyndon Carlson

Rep. Vogel convened the meeting of the LCC Subcommittee on Ethnic Councils at 10:06 AM in Room 400 South of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Members introduced themselves.

Sen. Benson moved to elect Sen. Pappas as Chair of the LCC Subcommittee on Ethnic Councils. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Sen. Pappas assumed the gavel.

Sen. Pappas moved to elect Rep. Vogel as Vice Chair of the LCC Subcommittee on Ethnic Councils. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Vogel moved approval of the meeting agenda. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Greg Hubinger, Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission, presented background information regarding the role of the Subcommittee related to the executive directors of ethnic councils established under Minnesota Statutes 15.0145.

Andrea Turner, Director, Human Resources, SMART, Department of Administration, presented a summary of two complaints filed against the Director of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage and subsequent investigations that found that the Director violated the State's respect in the workplace policy.

Nasser Mussa, Chair, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, and Nerita Hughes, Vice Chair, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, presented on the recommendation from the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage Board to end the appointment of the Director.

Dr. Louis Porter, Director, Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage, presented on the recommendation from the Council.

The following people provided public testimony:

- Lennie Chism
- Steven Belton
- Farhio Khalif
- Kaade Wallace
- Rep. Rena Moran
- Ea McMillan Porter
- Joe Nathan
- Rick Heller

Dr. Porter provided testimony on the letter he submitted to the LCC Subcommittee on Ethnic Councils on June 3, 2017.

Rep. Moran provided testimony on Dr. Porter's letter.

Rep. Vogel moved SEC-1, the resolution accepting the recommendation of the Council for Minnesotans of African Heritage to end the appointment of Dr. Porter, as provided under Minnesota Statutes 15.0145, Subdivision 5, effective immediately. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:01 PM.