

# ***MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

Date: August 12, 2024

[Zoom Link](#)

### **I. Call to order**

Board Chair Miigis Gonzalez calls to order the regular meeting of the MIIN Board of Directors at 5:33pm

### **II. Roll call**

Secretary Wm Howes conducts a roll call: Naawakwe William Howes III, Baabiitaw Melissa Boyd, Niizhwaasanangookwe Miigis Gonzalez, and Gimiwan Dustin Burnette (Executive Director), Migizi Michael Sullivan, Sr., Jiigewegaabaw Joe Nayquonabe, Jr.,

Others present: Nora Livesay, Chris Hammerly

Motion to approve the agenda by Baabiitaw, second by Naawakwe, no discussion, unanimously approved

Motion to amend the agenda by Baabiitaw, second by Naawakwe, no discussion, unanimously approved to remove an item

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Link to DATES of last meeting meeting minutes:

[May 13, 2024 MIIN Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

Naawakwe motion to approve, second by Niizhwaasanangookwe, no discussion, unanimously approved

### **IV. New Topics**

- a) Nora (OPD): report to the Board was sent via email that includes various updates; Chris Hammerly was also present to share about the updates to the new “Ojibwe Search” aspect of the OPD - by building a “morphological parser” that allows a user to search with more complex inflectional forms and improving the “Search” option - This update will be uploaded June 30, 2025; Offer/request for Public Version (wordlist) of OPD on github.com; Offer/request for Spell Check and Predictive Text tools option; Offer/request

for Automatic Verb Conjugator app to use OPD data but needs a deal with the For-Profit entity that would develop and offer this; Dr. John Nichols will be presented these options as well and the Board will have time to consider these future development options; Question on the progress on a formal agreement between the University of MN and MIIN for the MIIN Board to serve as the Ojibwe Cultural Advisory Committee of the OPD - This is not yet in-place;

- b) [Executive Director Report](#)
- c) Funding: Luce Foundation additional funding provided; Bush Foundation is up for approval by the Bush Foundation Board that is meeting this week;
- d) MIIN Board of Directors Strategic Planning 2024 - revisit this after our earlier conversations tonight on development
- e) Organizational and Economic Development - questions about the need and the role that group/organization would play; board members share ideas and thoughts on next steps; EOS system and book, strength from within by the Board and staff, consider what Burton might do with more time with us, know what we want from an organization and be sure it is in the proposal; this is also a part of the Bush Grant proposal and will need to develop this more if approved or determine if that remains as part of that grant
- f) Board Management System - recommended by service agencies that we are not a large enough organization yet for most specific Board software
- g) [PTO Rollover, Translation Guidelines and Continuing Education](#): these are initial drafts and will be revisited as work is done to update them; various comments are made to each of the three areas and the E.D. added comments and made edits directly to the GoogleDocs for each

## V. Action Items

- a) Special Meeting Requested Wednesday, October 16th, 2024, to approve Bush Grant acceptance (if approved)
- b) [Organizational Budget Modification](#)
- c) [Minnesota Annual Reporting Form C2](#)

Motion to approve a) - c) by Baabiitaw, second by Jiigwewegaabaw, no discussion, passes unanimously

## VI. Ongoing Topics

- a) LCOOU Teacher Training Track

## VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_