

MIIN - Midwest Indigenous Immersion Network

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2024

[Zoom Link](#)

I. Call to order

Board Chair Miigis Gonzalez calls to order the regular meeting of the MIIN Board of Directors at 5:37pm

II. Roll call

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

*Not present: Jiigewegaabaw Joe Nayquonabe, Jr.

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

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Link to DATES of last meeting meeting minutes:

[February 19, 2024 MIIN Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

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

IV. New Topics

- a) Update on status of LCOOU Teacher Licensure Project (request by Naawakwe): this will be provided during the Executive Director Report
- b) [Executive Director Report](#) - Questions & Comments: The application to the Bush Foundation is a major project and success so far; Mid-June is a good timeline for knowing the future status of the application to Bush Foundation; It is agreed that the new Policy on employee benefits be adjusted to read that the benefits be made available immediately upon accepting employment; Baabiitaw and Jiigewe-gaabaw will be working with Gimiwan on Investment Policies; Upcoming 2-day Strategic Planning for the Board: possibly the first week of November; MIIN continues to advocate for LCOOU and an education

program there, but not recruiting students because there is not an education program in place yet.

V. Action Items

- a) [Tax Filings](#)
- b) WEND 2024 funding
- c) Service Requests by other organizations - Algoma
- d) Policy Change
- e) [Organizational Budget Modification](#)
- f) LCOOU [Scholarship](#)
- g) Burton Warrington [Contract](#)

*Move to approve with the necessary change to the Policy Change by Baabiitaw, second by Niizhwaasanangookwe; Question by Migizi on LCOOU Scholarship on the requirements, number of students, qualifications, etc. and E.D. Gimiwan clarifies by reading the actual MOU and Addendum between MIIN and LCOOU and identifies one change necessary in the Addendum to state "...enrolled in Education coursework" and add "d. This funding does not need to be spent in the 2024-25 school year" to ensure it supports students in the future Education program; Baabiitaw asks a question on using marketing around students who are selected for the scholarship; Niizhwaasanangookwe asks "Will the Immersion Track be starting in Fall 2025?" Yes, hopefully; Discussion on a possible future Golf Tournament fundraiser for Scholarships; No further discussion; **Motion to approve all Action Items a) through g) passes unanimously.**

VI. Ongoing Topics

- a) none

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm

Signature:  _____