

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

March 14, 2022 6:00 PM
Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

HRC Chair Hughes-Skandijs called the Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

II. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

A. Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the indigenous people of this land. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Michelle Hale, 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak and Christine Woll

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Di Cathcart, City Clerk Beth McEwen and Assemblymember Maria Gladziszewski

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

VI. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

VII. AGENDA TOPICS

A. Douglas Advisory Board Appointments & Annual Report

Per Resolution 2331, the Douglas Advisory Board (DAB) is a seven member board with staggered 3-year terms. There are two vacant seats on the DAB with terms beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2024.

The committee reviewed the Douglas Advisory Boards annual report, thanked the board for all it's work over the last year and had no questions regarding the report.

MOTION: by Ms. Hale to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to appoint Joanna Wulffenstein and Kayla Mount to the Douglas Advisory Board both for terms beginning immediately and ending September 30, 2024. *Hearing no objections, motion passed.*

B. Aquatics Board Memo regarding change to board seats

The committee reviewed the Aquatics Board memo regarding a change to the number of board seats. Per 67.10.010 Board of Directors subsection (b) reads:

One board member shall be from and represent the Juneau School District. One board member shall be from any local aquatics organization that rents a pool facility. To the extent possible, appointments to the remaining seven seats on the aquatics board shall include persons having skills relevant to matters concerning the aquatics facilities. No more than two members of the aquatics board shall be a member or employee of any local aquatics organization, or the immediate family member of any member or employee of any local aquatics organization.

MOTION: by Ms. Woll to strike the last sentence from 67.10.010(b) - *No more than two members of the aquatics board shall be a member or employee of any local aquatics organization, or the immediate family member of any member or employee of any local aquatics organization.* *Hearing no objection, motion passed.*

C. Historic Resources Advisory Committee - Appointment

The Historic Resources Advisory Committee currently has one vacancy for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2024. The applicant is applying for the committee again after not realizing that their term was due and hadn't reapplied so the seat was marked as vacant and filled by someone else who has since resigned from the committee.

MOTION: by 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the

recommendation to appoint Donald Harris to the Historic Resources Advisory Committee for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2024. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

D. Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) - Appointments

Resolution 2974 A Resolution Re-establishing the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) added seats 12 & 12a: Alaska Native Tribal Representative (primary/alternate) to the LEPC. Seat 10 is up for action due to resignation with member in seat 10a moving to seat 10.

Recommended Motion:

"to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to forward to the State of Alaska Emergency Response Commission appointment of Corey Padron to LEPC Alaska Tribal Representative Primary Seat and Sabrina Boone to LEPC Alaska Tribal Representative Alternate Seat for terms beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2024 and the appointment of Jonathan Suk to LEPC Haz/Mat Transporter Primary Seat and ask for unanimous consent."

MOTION: by Ms. Hale to forward to the full Assembly for approval, the recommendation to forward to the State of Alaska Emergency Response Commission appointment of Corey Padron to LEPC Alaska Tribal Representative Primary Seat and Sabrina Boone to LEPC Alaska Tribal Representative Alternate Seat for terms beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2024 and the appointment of Jonathan Suk to LEPC Haz/Mat Transporter Primary Seat and ask for unanimous consent. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

E. Resolution 2981 A Resolution Supporting the People of Ukraine and Suspending the Juneau Sister City Relationship with Vladivostok, Russia.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has engaged in an unprovoked and unjustified attack on the sovereign nation of Ukraine. The CBJ stands firmly with Ukraine and its people. This resolution would join the CBJ into the international community in strongly condemning the egregious actions of President Vladimir Putin for ordering the invasion of Ukraine and would suspend the CBJ's Sister City relationship with Vladivostok, Russia. The CBJ shall continue to support the people of Vladivostok and looks forward to a time when true people to people cooperation can be restored.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski recommends the HRC recommend this resolution for adoption by the Assembly.

Assemblymember Gladziszewski spoke to Resolution 2981 that she brought forward to the HRC.

Ms. Hale shared her appreciation for Governor Dunleavy requesting Alaska sister cities cut ties with any Russian sister cities in response to Russian President Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine and her appreciation to Assemblymember Gladziszewski for bringing this resolution forward. Ms. Hale noted she appreciates the people of Vladivostok but feels its important to leave some kind of sign of solidarity with Ukraine and is fully supportive of the resolution.

Ms. Woll stated she is supportive of doing what we can as a municipality but is wary to do anything that might inadvertently impact the people of Vladivostok.

‘Wáahlaal Gíidaak stated she reached out to CBJ's Sister Cities Committee as their Assembly liaison however they are down to three members and are unable to make quorum to meet. She urged a pause in consideration of this resolution until further thought could be had on what effects this resolution may have going forward and didn't want to be punitive to Vladivostok.

Ms. McEwen reported to the HRC that in 2014 an agreement between CBJ and the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS) was created for Vladivostok residents attending UAS; she was unclear on all the details of the agreement but could bring that information forward at a future meeting.

Chair Hughes-Skandijs noted that she'd had the opportunity to discuss this resolution with Ms. Gladziszewski and appreciated her intentions; however, she felt suspending the sister city relationship would be apathetical and that CBJ tries to stay out of global politics. The Chair stated that other human rights situations that have arisen with other sister city relationships the Assembly did not take any action; such as when Crimea was getting annexed and the Assembly should be cautious of opening this door. She asked what message does it send to our Russian citizens that live in Juneau.

MOTION: by Ms. Hale that the Assembly Human Resources Committee hold this resolution in committee until the committee gets more information and see what other Alaska sister cities are doing within Alaska. ***Hearing no objections, motion passed.***

VIII OTHER BUSINESS

None

IX. STAFF REPORTS

None

X. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

A. April 4, 2022 at 6:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.