

## Minutes

Iowa League of Cities Executive Board

Thursday, February 23, 2023

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Present : John Haila, President  
Donny Hobbs, Immediate Past President  
Quentin Hart, Past President  
Ashley Vanorny, President-elect  
Brad Cavanagh, Director  
Scott Wynja, Director  
Courtney Clarke, Director  
Cami Rasmussen, Director  
Michael Holton, Director  
Tom Cope, Director

Present on phone: Aaron Burnett, Director  
Bruce Perry, Director  
Brian Wagner, Director  
Chris Taylor, Director  
Christina Eicher, Director  
Shirley McAdon, Director

Absent: Scott Naumann, Past President  
Barb Barrick, Director  
Susan Sembach, Director

Also Present: Alan Kemp, Executive Director  
Shannon Busby, Office Manager  
Alison Deiter, Senior Accountant  
Mickey Shields, Director of Membership Services  
Robert Palmer, General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs  
Heather Roberts, Director of Information Services  
Erin Mullenix, Research Director  
Katie Wheeler, Business Relations Coordinator  
Jessica Vogel, Communications Coordinator  
Daniel Stalder, Government Affairs Outreach Coordinator  
Jeff Hovey, Director of Risk Services  
Jason Nieves, Community Foundation of Dubuque  
Mike Wallace, National League of Cities

### 1. Call to Order

President Haila called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

### 2. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Past President Hart and seconded by President-elect Vanorny to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes of the November 11, 2022 meeting of the Executive Board, League Associate Applications, the membership and investment reports. Motion approved.

- 3. Financial Report**

After the senior accountant reviewed the November 2022 financial report it was moved by President-elect Vanorny and seconded by Past President Cavanagh to approve the report. Motion approved.
- 4. Appointment to the MFPRSI Board of Trustees**

It was moved by Immediate Past President Hobbs and seconded by Director Holton to reappoint Nickolas Schaul, Finance Director of Des Moines to the MFPRSI board. Motion approved.
- 5. 2023 Legislative Update**

The general counsel and director of government affairs gave an update and responded to questions regarding the legislative session. President Haila sought approval for the new property tax workgroup so they can start meeting on property tax bills and report to the board. It was moved by Director Holton and seconded by Director Wynja to approve the workgroup. Motion approved.
- 6. National League of Cities and Federal Legislative Update**

Mike Wallace from the National League of Cities provided the board with an update on federal issues and the National League of Cities.
- 7. League Committee Reports**
  - A. Education and Services Committee**

The director of membership services reported on the results from the February 15, 2023 committee meeting which included League's annual conference, Small City, Budget and Nuisance workshops and the MLA training that will occur after the elections.
- 8. Community Heart & Soul Program**

Jason Nieves, with the Community Foundation of Dubuque, provided an overview of the Community Heart & Soul Program. This nation-wide community engagement program assists smaller communities engage the entire population of a town to identify what they love most about their community, what future they want for it, and how to achieve it.
- 9. National Civility Summit Review**

The executive director and general counsel provided a review of the National Civility Summit. It was moved by Director Holton and seconded by President-elect Vanorny to continue to participate. Motion approved.
- 10. Office Space Update and Discussion Concerning Future Board Meetings**

The executive director provided an update on the future office space for the League and lead a facilitated discussion of options for conducting future board meetings as it impacts design decisions for an updated office space.
- 11. Strategic Initiatives Update**

The executive director provided an overview of the League's Strategic Initiatives.

**12. League Database and Cyber Security Policy Implementation Update**

The director of information services provided an update on the status of the database update initiative and provide the board with an overview of a new initiative of the League to create and put into place CISA endorsed cybersecurity policies.

**13. Other Business and Next Meeting**

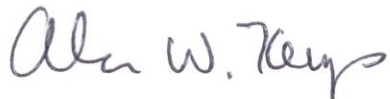
The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2023.

President Haila mentioned city assessments to the board to ask about their thoughts.

**14. Adjourn**

President Haila adjourned the executive board meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan W. Kemp".

Alan W. Kemp  
Executive Director