

ASSEMBLY HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Assembly Chambers/Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

HRC Chair Smith called the Assembly Human Resources Committee meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. 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!

C. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Greg Smith, Maria Gladyszewski and Alicia Hughes-Skandijs

Members Absent: Christine Woll

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Di Cathcart

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

1. February 27, 2023 Assembly Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft
2. March 20, 2023 Assembly Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

F. AGENDA TOPICS

3. HRC Finalization of Questions for Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Applicants

Committee members reviewed the potential PRAC questions and decided to include questions: 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 as advanced questions sent out to interested PRAC applicants for their responses.

4. Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association & State of AK/Public Health Nursing Presentation

Harm reduction, prevention strategies and education efforts in substance use presented by the [Four A's](#) and [SOA/Div. Public Health](#)

Chair Smith introduced Robin Lutz, Four A's Executive Director and Claire Geldhof, SOA/Public Health Nurse and thanked them for coming and sharing information with the HRC. He had requested they come and speak to the HRC after meeting them at a Community Café on substance use. Chair Smith noted this is subject that touches our entire community and what, if anything, the HRC could help do or be aware of.

Ms. Geldhof gave an overview of what she's observed regarding substance use over her last 12 years as a nurse in Juneau. Her strategy is to meet people where they are at in their spectrum of addiction and link them with the resources to help them navigate existing barriers or challenges and reduction strategies for those people that are unable to quit. Ms. Geldhof noted that it was a little hard to know what to report to the committee on or what areas the committee may be able to help so she was open to questions from committee members and how they could help spread the word regarding available resources through public health and the Four A's.

Ms. Lutz thanked Ms. Geldhof for her continued service on the Four A's Board and how invaluable it is to have a local nurse on the board who knows what is happening in Juneau. Ms. Lutz reported that the Four A's has had a Juneau office for many year with the ability to serve people living with HIV as well as those looking for information on HIV testing and counseling. The Juneau office runs the Syringe Access Program (SAP) as part of meeting people where they are at and working with them in partnership through addiction. The SAP has helped reduce the risk of Hepatitis C and HIV by 70% by providing sterile injection supplies. Four A's staff work to form a comfortable, welcoming, affirming, and collaborative relationship with people coming through the door so people needing support know they have a safe space to go to for help and working to remove the stigma associated with being HIV positive.

G. STAFF REPORTS

As of April 14, the Clerk's Office has received **20** applications for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC). Finalized questions will be sent out to applicants on Tuesday, April 18 with a requested return deadline of Monday, May 1. Following Empowered Board interview processes, applications and returned responses will be in the HRC committee member packet and only redacted applications will be in the standard HRC public packet for the Monday, May 8 meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m.

H. STANDING COMMITTEE TOPICS

5. Assembly Goal - Specific to Human Resources Committee

Goal 4: Community, Wellness and Public Safety - Juneau is safe and welcoming for all citizens

A. Acknowledge and honor Juneau's indigenous culture, place names, naming policy and recognize Elizabeth Peratrovich Day.

6. Discussions Regarding CBJ Boards & Committees - *as meeting time allows*

Committee Recruitment, Member Development, Application & Interview Process, Other Related Topics

Additional Document Tools for HRC

2023 CBJ Boards-Committees Description List ([link to 3/20/2023 HRC agenda item](#))

Due to a shortage of time, the committee did not take up any of the Standing Committee topics. Chair Smith requested Deputy Clerk Cathcart send an email reminder to committee members outlining the various ideas brought forward by the committee when discussing processes around CBJ Boards and Committees.

I. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

J. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, May 8, 2023 at **5:30 p.m.** for PRAC application review & recommendations of appointments

K. SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

7. State of Alaska/Division of Public Health - Handouts Related to Substance Abuse Presentation

L. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.