

MEETING MINUTES, March 25, 2020
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Present: Emmanuel Ajavon, Kevin Birdsey, Liz Blum, Rosemary Fifield, Victoria Fullerton, Jessica Giordani, Ed Howes, Benoit Roisin, Jessica Saturley-Hall, Ann Shriver Sargent and Allene Swienckowski

Absent: Thomas Battles

Employees: Ed Fox (General Manager), April Harkness (Governance & Community Engagement), Paul Guidone (Interim General Manager), Lori Hildbrand (Director of Administrative Operations), Mark Langlois (Director of Finance)

2020 Board

Candidates: Nick Carter, Marta Ceroni, Shelbi Fitzpatrick, Manish Kumar

Rosemary Fifield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda: February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes and February 2020 Share Redemption Requests

MOTION: Liz Blum moved to accept the February 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes and the February 2020 Share Redemption Requests. Allene Swienckowski seconded the motion.

VOTED: 9 in favor. 0 opposed, 2 abstained (Liz Blum and Allene Swienckowski). The motion passed.

Member Linkage

No comments.

Required Approvals Agenda

MOTION: Liz Blum moved to accept the Required Approvals Agenda (NCG Contract, Paul Guidone as Designated Representative to NCG, Banking Resolution, and Resolution to Hold Annual Meeting Virtually). Allene Swienckowski seconded the motion.

VOTED: 11 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

GM Search

MOTION: Allene Swienckowski moved to suspend the GM search until July 2020 at which point the board will evaluate whether to move forward. Ed Howes seconded the motion.

VOTED: 10 in favor. 1 opposed (Jessica Saturley-Hall). The motion passed.

Monitoring

EL 2 – Financial Condition and Performance

MOTION: Rosemary Fifield moved that the EL 2 – Financial Condition and Performance monitoring report provides a reasonable interpretation of the policy and sufficient evidence of compliance. Liz Blum seconded the motion.

VOTED: 11 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Ends Global

MOTION: Rosemary Fifield moved that the Ends Global monitoring report provides a reasonable interpretation of the policy and sufficient evidence of compliance. Benoit Roisin seconded the motion.

VOTED: 11 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting & Candidate Forum Update

The 2020 Annual Meeting and Candidate Forum is to be held remotely on April 4, 2020.

King Award (moved to Executive Session at the end of the meeting)

Current Issues

Pandemic Planning Update

Interim General Manager Paul Guidone provided an update to the board on COVID-19 challenges and responses to those challenges.

GM/IGM Transition

MOTION: Liz Blum moved that the HCCS Board of Directors commend General Manager Ed Fox for his outstanding leadership and putting the Co-op on a strong financial footing in the face of current challenges presented by COVID-19. The Board unanimously applauded him for his service.

General Manager Report

Ed Fox updated the board on the Co-op's financial position and will provide further updates in April. He also thanked the leadership team for their hard work.

Executive Session

MOTION: Liz Blum moved to enter into executive session at 7:47p.m. and to include all board members to review the 2019 King Award nominations. There were no 2020 King Award nominations submitted. Allene Swienckowski seconded the motion.

VOTED: 11 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

MOTION: Liz Blum moved to come out of executive session at 7:56 p.m. Rosemary Fifield seconded the motion.

VOTED: 11 in favor. 0 opposed. The motion passed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

April Harkness

Board Administrator

Emmanuel Ajavon

Board Secretary