

MiSTEM Advisory Council Meeting
October 6, 2020, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual, Microsoft Teams Meeting

Council Members Present:

Michelle Richard, Chair
Daniel Williams, Vice Chair
Sheila Alles
Gail Alpert
Lee Graham

Jacqueline Huntoon
Tonya Matthews
Aarica Smith for Senator Dayna Polehanki
Christian Velasquez
Adam Zemke

Council Members Absent:

Mary Bacon
Wendy Winston
Representative Brad Paquette

Representative Padma Kuppa
Senator Dale Zorn

Staff Present:

Megan Schrauben
Amanda Stoel
Natalie Lowell

Larry Wyn
Kathy Surd

MiSTEM Regional Staff Present:

Mike Gallagher, Region 5
Emily Gochis, Region 16
Scott Heister, Region 2
Greg Johnson, Region 3
Diane Miller, Region 8
Mark Muzzin, Region 4
Diane Owen-Rogers, Region 1
Kris Pachla, Region 8

Laura Percival, Region 12
Ginger Rohwer, Region 8
Chris Standerford, Region 15
Kevin St. Onge, Region 14
Lory Thayer, Region 7
Drea Weiner, Region 13
Lisa Winger, Region 9
Kristen Zagorski, Region 11

Guests Present:

Andrew Beardslee
Cody Williams

Ruth Anne Hodges
Michelle Ntoko

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Michelle Richard.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Richard welcomed council members, asked for an update on council member activities and gave an overview of the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE August 19, 2020 MEETING – Michelle Richard, Chair

A draft of the minutes was provided prior to meeting. No changes were requested. MOTION was made by Adam Zemke to approve the minutes. Motion SECONDED by Christian Velasquez. Motion was put to a vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF THE October 6, 2020 MEETING AGENDA – Michelle Richard, Chair

The proposed Agenda was provided prior to meeting. No edits were requested. MOTION was made by Jackie Huntoon to approve the agenda. Motion SECONDED by Lee Graham. Motion was put to a vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

MI-STEM ANNUAL REPORT VOTE – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, MI-STEM

Members received the final version of the annual report ahead of time. The Network has begun to implement the priorities that were recommended in June and August and has re-organized their strategic plan templates around these common state priorities. Early adoption of the annual priorities allows for alignment with the release of new fiscal year appropriations. Examples of current work for each priority area were shared including an initial look at the Playbook Hub website design. Chair Richard asked if there were any final questions about the report. MOTION was made by Jackie Huntoon to approve the report. Motion SECONDED by Lee Graham. Motion was put to a vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

COUNCIL BUSINESS and GRANT VOTE – Megan Schrauben, Executive Director, MI-STEM

The council reviewed the grant strategy and mechanisms for approving MiSTEM grant allocations. Due to abrupt changes in needs this past spring and summer for efforts supported by the council grant programs, the recommendation to sustain the current programming and allow for greater time to respond to the needs of communities was put forward. This also allows for funds to be released to consortia members significantly earlier. Requests were made to learn more about the programs and impact. MOTION was made by Sheila Alles to recommend the proposed programs and associated fiscal agents for council funds. Motion SECONDED by Tonya Matthews. Motion was put to a vote of the council members. All were in favor. No objections. Motion APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No remarks

CLOSING REMARKS – Michelle Richard, Chair

The annual report will be added to the public website and grant applicants will be notified. Future meetings will be adjusted based on actions today and requests to learn more about the individual council grant efforts. Members were invited to attend a computer science state policy meeting, the upcoming STEM Ecosystems national convening, and further discussion to respond to the Office of Science, Technology, and Policy request for information.

There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Drafted 10/08/20 by M. Schrauben