

# M.C.C.A.

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## MAINE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ASSOCIATION

### MCCA Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes *Draft* Lincoln County Communications Center July 12, 2017

#### I. Call to Order, Introductions, Attendance and Pledge of Allegiance

President Peter Baldacci called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m. The attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance and all present introduced themselves. Comm. Baldacci thanked Lincoln County for hosting the monthly Board of Directors' meeting.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** *Aroostook* – Comm. Norman Fournier; *Cumberland* – Comm. Thomas Coward; *Kennebec* – Comm. Patsy Crocket proxy for Comm. George Jabar; *Knox* – Comm. Carol Maines; *Lincoln* – Comm. William Blodgett; *Penobscot* – Comm. Peter Baldacci; *Sagadahoc* – Admin. Pamela Hile proxy for Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Admin. Dawn DiBlasi proxy for Comm. Newell Graf; *Waldo* – Comm. Amy Fowler; and *York* – Comm. Michael Cote.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** *Cumberland* – Comm. Steve Gorden; *Knox* – Admin. Andrew Hart; *Lincoln* – Admin. Carrie Kipfer, James Bailey Admin. of Two Bridges Regional Jail and guest Carol Blodgett; *Somerset* – Comm. Robert Sezak; *Waldo* – Comm. Betty Johnson; *MACCAM* – Bill Collins; *MACT* – David Parkman; *MECCA* – Owen Smith; and Legislative Specialist Charles Pray.

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** *Androscoggin* – Comm. Sally Christner; *Franklin* – Comm. Charles Webster; *Hancock* – Comm. Percy Brown; *Kennebec* – Comm. George Jabar, II; *Oxford* – Comm. Steven Merrill; *Piscataquis* – Comm. Jim Annis; *Sagadahoc* – Comm. Charles Crosby III; *Somerset* – Comm. Newell Graf and *Washington* – Comm. Chris Gardner.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Risk Pool Manager Malcolm Ulmer and Office Manager Lauren Haven.

## II. Approval of/Additions to the Agenda

Comm. Fowler **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the agenda with no additions. The **motion** was **approved** unanimously.

## III. Approval of June 14, 2017 Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Comm. Cote **moved** and Comm. Fowler **seconded** approving the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on June 14, 2017 with no changes. The **motion** was **passed**.

## IV. Old Business

### A. Consideration of the Executive Committee's Recommendation to Hire an Executive Director

President Baldacci reported the Executive Committee performed interviews with the four final candidates on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Executive Committee unanimously recommended Charles Pray to be hired for the position of Executive Director. The Committee was impressed with the interim lobbying services provided by Mr. Pray, and agreed his skills and experience are an ideal fit for this position. Comm. Cote encouraged the Board of Directors to unanimously approve the recommendation. Comm. Coward commented he wholeheartedly approved of the selection. Comm. Fowler stated his intent to foster a relationship with MMA through Kate Dufour, the Director of MMA's State and Federal Relations Department would be a strong benefit to accomplishing MCCA's goals. Comm. Blodgett agreed the organization would be very fortunate to have the opportunity to Mr. Pray and made a **motion** to approve the recommendation. The **motion** was **seconded** by Comm. Fowler and it was **approved** unanimously accompanied by a round of applause.

Mr. Pray thanked the group for their confidence in him and emphasized there was still lobbying work to be done. In fact, he planned to attend a meeting that afternoon in which Appropriations would discuss funding.

Comm. Cote asked what Mr. Pray's official start date would be. The group set the date as July 17<sup>th</sup>. Office Manager Lauren Haven requested permission to move an additional \$2,500 from budget line item 5060-00 Executive Director Salary to 6032-00 Contractual Lobbying to pay him for this two-week period. Comm. Fournier made a **motion** to approve the budget line item transfer request. The **motion** was **seconded** by Comm. Fowler and it was **approved**.

Comm. Baldacci asked if Lauren Haven cared to comment. Lauren said she couldn't be happier to welcome Mr. Pray to the MCCA staff. A comfortable working relationship had already been established during his lobbying efforts and she expected him to be greatly successful in his new role as Executive Director.

## V. Financial Report

Office Manager Lauren Haven presented the June financial reports. All line items were well within 2017 budget guidelines. Comm. Blodgett **moved** and Comm. Cote **seconded** approving the financial reports. The **motion** was **approved**.

## VII. Adjournment

President Baldacci mentioned he was looking forward to the NACo Annual Conference in Columbus Ohio taking place July 21<sup>st</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup>. He then asked if there was any other business to bring before the Board. Seeing none, Comm. Fowler made a **motion to adjourn at approximately 11:35 a.m.**; Comm. Fournier seconded the **motion**, which was **approved**. The group adjourned, immediately followed by the summer retreat in Boothbay Harbor.

Respectfully submitted,

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MCCA Office Manager, Lauren Haven

Attested:

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MCCA Secretary-Treasurer, Michael Cote