

Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education

Minutes

April 5, 2017

Members present: Lori Talsky, Corinne Khederian, Robin Axelrod, Edmond Azadian, Scott Durham, Corey Harbaugh (by phone), Nelson Hersh, Cindy Hughey, Richard Norsigian, Ara Sanjian, Michael Walenta, Kenneth Waltzer, Yosef Weingarten, Lori Weisberg, Hayg Oshagan

Members absent: Lara Nercessian, Kevork Bardakjian

Staff Present: Judith Kovach

Location: Holocaust Memorial Center
Zekelman Family Campus
28123 Orchard Lake Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334

I. Opening of the Meeting

The first regular meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Judith Kovach, Acting Coordinator.

II. Motions:

1. Ms. Hughey motioned to nominate Lori Talsky as Chair. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ms. Hughey motioned to nominate Corinne Kherderian as Vice Chair. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Ms. Talsky motioned to appoint Judith Kovach as Council Coordinator. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Mr. Walenta motioned to adopt the proposed Council structure as written. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Dr. Hersh motioned to adopt a three (3) minute limit for each member of the public wanting to speak. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Dr. Hersh motioned to make the Holocaust Memorial the primary holder of the minutes and the Alex and Marie Manoogian Museum will also hold copies of the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Dr. Hersh motioned to adopt the following meeting dates for 2017 with locations to be determined by April 15, 2017:

Date	Time
Monday, June 26, 2017	7:00 p.m.
Monday, September 11, 2017	7:00 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

Note: The Council task force and work groups will meet on May 1, 2017. Work group meetings are not covered by the OMA and are not open to members of the public.

III Action Agenda Items

1. Dr. Hersh requested that the Special Task Force on Policy be instructed to develop a policy statement on increasing the current recommendation in Public Act 170 (2016) for a combined total of six hours in grades 6-12. Unanimous support.

IV. Items for Next Board Meeting

1. Preliminary reports from each task force and work group.

V. Public Comment

- Vera Andrushkiw spoke on behalf of the Ukrainian community and expressed the community's wish for the Holodomor to be included in the proposed curricula. They will provide materials to be considered.
- Ed Haratounian expressed his pleasure at seeing the Council begin implementation of PA 170 and urged members to attend ceremonies commemorating Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day (April 24, 2017) and Holocaust Commemoration Day (April 25, 2017).
- Jack Alexanian provided information about upcoming events commemorating Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, including the film *The Promise* in theaters from April 21-23 and a commemoration event on April 29th.
- Cheryl Guyer welcomed everyone to the Holocaust Memorial Center and thanked the members of the Council for their hard work and efforts.

V. Adjournment of the Meeting

Ms. Talsky adjourned this regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education at 8:37 p.m.

Approved by the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education: June 26, 2017