

Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education

Approved Minutes

January 9, 2018

Members present: Lori Talsky, Corinne Khederian, Robin Axelrod, Edmond Azadian, Scott Durham, Nelson Hersh, Cindy Hughey, Lara Nercessian, Richard Norsigian, Ara Sanjian, Michael Walenta, Lori Weisberg, Yosef Weingarten

Members absent: Kevork Bardakjian, Corey Harbaugh, Hayg Oshagan, Kenneth Waltzer

Staff present: Judith Kovach

MDE Consultant present: Jim Cameron

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

I. Opening of the Meeting

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Lori Talsky, Chair.

II. Council Discussion Items

A. Website format

Motion by Cindy Hughey, seconded by Nelson Hersh, that the Council approve the general format of the website as presented. Motion passed unanimously, 13-0.

B. Annual Report to Legislature

Motion by Lara Nercessian, seconded by Ara Sanjian, to approve alternative language for Paragraph 3 of Section IV of the Annual Report. Motion failed, 5-7.

Motion by Nick Hersh, seconded by Robin Axelrod, to approve the revision of paragraph 3 of Section IV. Motion passed unanimously, 13-0.

C. Protocol Proposal

Motion by Lara Nercessian, seconded by Richard Norsigian, to approve the proposed protocols for the Council. Motion failed, 5-8.

III. Work Group Reports

Policy Task Force	Nelson Hersh
Student Education/Curricula	Ara Sanjian
Teacher Training	Corey Harbaugh (report read by Robin Axelrod)
Community/Public Education	Cindy Hughey

Motion by Cindy Hughey, seconded by Lori Weisberg, to authorize the Community/Public Education work group to move ahead with planned activities for Genocide Awareness Month in April 2018. Motion passed unanimously, 13-0.

IV. Coordinator Report

Finances: Since the last meeting, the following expenses were paid by the Jewish community:

Coordinator payments: \$10,192.26

V. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting as amended
- Work group reports as written

Motion by Corinne Khederian, seconded by Scott Durham, to approve the Council items. Motion passed unanimously, 13-0.

VII. Items for Next Board Meeting

Final approval of a website format/design.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next public meeting of the Council will be April 17, 2018. The location will be:

1st Floor Conference Room, Boji Tower
124 West Allegan Street
Lansing

IX. Public Comment

- Marie Zarycky requested that a member of the Ukrainian community be included on Council if the Council term is extended. She also introduced members of the Ukrainian community who are educators and willing to work with Council on preparing training and resource materials.
- Eli Mayerfeld reported upcoming events related to genocides and the Holocaust at the Holocaust Memorial Center.
- Council member Richard Norsigian reported on upcoming events on the Armenian Genocide.

XI. Adjournment of the Meeting

Corinne Khederian moved to adjourn.

Ms. Talsky adjourned this regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education at 8:10 p.m.