

Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education

Approved Minutes

June 26, 2017

Members present: Lori Talsky, Corinne Khederian, Robin Axelrod, Edmond Azadian, Kevork Bardakjian, Scott Durham, Corey Harbaugh, Nelson Hersh, Cindy Hughey, Lara Nercessian, Richard Norsigian, Michael Walenta, Kenneth Waltzer, Yosef Weingarten, Lori Weisberg, Hayg Oshagan

Members absent: Ara Sanjian

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 regular meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Lori Talsky, Chair.

II. Work Group Reports

Policy Task Force	Nick Hersh/Edmund Azadian
Student Education/Curricula	Kevork Bardakjian
Teacher Training	Corey Harbaugh
Community/Public Education	Cindy Hughey
Finance	Hayg Oshagan

III. Motions:

None

IV. Action Agenda Items

Michael Walenta moved that the following documents be approved:

- Overarching Themes for Work Group Recommendations
- Work Group Responsibilities Based on Statute
- Membership in the work groups and task force.

Motion approved unanimously.

V. Items for Next Board Meeting

1. Reports from each task force and work group, with recommendations for short-term actions relevant to the start of the school year.
2. Judith Kovach will report to the Council on costs of developing a website.
3. Judith Kovach will report to the Council on possible legislative initiative to extend the tenure of the Council and its current members.

VI. Public Comment

- Vera Andrushkiw spoke on behalf of the Ukrainian community and asked for confirmation that the Holodomor will be included in the proposed curricula. They will provide materials to be considered.
- Marie Zarycky spoke on behalf of the Ukrainian community and offered to provide teaching materials and financial support as appropriate.
- Jim Cameron, Consultant to the MDOE, spoke about curriculum concerns and recommended that the Council and/or the appropriate task force contact Amy Bloom, a History/Social Studies Consultant for Oakland Schools, be contacted as a resource.

VII. Next Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus.

VIII. Adjournment of the Meeting

Ms. Talsky adjourned this regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education at 8:35 p.m.