

Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education

Unapproved Minutes

June 12, 2018

Members present: Lori Talsky, Corinne Khederian, Robin Axelrod, Edmond Azadian, Scott Durham, Corey Harbaugh, Nelson Hersh, Lara Nercessian, Hayg Oshagan, Richard Norsigian, Ara Sanjian, Ken Waltzer, Lori Weisberg

Members absent: Kevork Bardakjian, Cindy Hughey, Michael Walenta, Yosef Weingarten

Staff present: none

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 7:05 p.m. by Lori Talsky, Chair.

II. Revision and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Corinne Kherderian, seconded by Nelson Hersh, to postpone discussion of Future plans for website design and lesson plans to the August 23, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Richard Norsigian, seconded by Ken Waltzer, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment

Ed Haratounian, Armenian Genocide Education Committee, commended Council on its work and great cooperation and expressed his hope for continued cooperation in the future.

Vera Andrushkiw, president of the Detroit Regional Council of the Ukrainian National Women's League of America, suggested that the website should include other genocides, such as Laos.

Ani Kasparian, member of the Resource committee task force commented that resources are being developed for other genocides.

IV. Work Group Reports

Policy Task Force No report.	Nelson Hersh
Student Education/Curricula No report.	Kevork Bardakjian
Teacher Training	Corey Harbaugh

Written report submitted. Nelson Hersh thanked council members Corey Harbaugh and Scott Durham, as well as task force members John Farris, for all of their impressive work.

Community/Public Education
No report.

Cindy Hughey

Finance

Hayg Oshagan

Hayg Oshagan reported that research revealed that running four teacher training sessions for 25-30 teachers at each, would cost approximately \$30,000 in total. This is likely the largest expense of the total budget he is compiling for all the task forces work. He will present further at the August meeting.

V. Council Discussion Items

Website design /development

Scott Durham

Lesson Plans

Corey Harbaugh

IV. Coordinator Report

No report.

V. Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as presented
- Work group reports as written and/or presented

Motion by Edmond Azadian, seconded by Corinne Khederian, to amend the minutes to correct one misspelling of the name of Ara Sanjian. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Corinne Khederian, seconded by Nelson Hersh, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Items for Next Board Meeting

- Future plans of website
- Presentation and Approval of lesson plans

Hayg Oshagan moved to send a card and flowers to Judith Kovach for a speedy recovery, whose absence is noticed and whose impact is missed, seconded by Corinne Khederian. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next public meeting of the Council will be August 23, 2018. The location will be:

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XI. Adjournment of the Meeting

Ms. Talsky adjourned this regular meeting of the Governor's Council on Genocide and Holocaust Education at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as recording secretary, Eli Mayerfeld

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Work Group Meeting Report

Name of Work Group: Teacher Training

Name of Chair: Corey Harbaugh

Date of Meeting: June 12, 2018

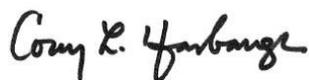
Discussion items:

Work on the sample, model lesson plans will conclude as soon as I have the last submissions from World Without Genocide, the organization producing the one-page historical documents for us on the Armenian Genocide, the Holocaust, the Genocide Against the Tutsis, the Holodomor, the Bosnian Genocide, and the Cambodian Genocide. All these materials will be included in the final materials prepared as sample lesson plan materials, and it is important that we have complete, historically correct documents. Completion of these documents is imminent.

On May 26 I participated in a commemoration event for the Genocide Against the Tutsis that took place in Rwanda in 1994. There were 85 or so survivors of the genocide present for the event, and an additional 100 or so members of the public, and it took place at Kalamazoo College. I spoke about the work of the council at that event. Those in attendance were excited and grateful to learn about this effort in Michigan to teach students about genocide.

Summer is a key teacher training time in Michigan, as teachers have more time for extended professional development that can be quite hard to find during the school year.

This year the week-long Holocaust education program that John Farris and I Co-Direct will run from July 9-14, held here at the Holocaust Memorial Center—Zekelman Family Campus. The program is an example of what extended programming can look like when deep content is combined with pedagogical training for teachers. We will again welcome teachers from across the state in our program, from large and small school, and from rural, suburban, and urban areas of Michigan. John and I are pleased to announce that this year our program will be expanded to include materials from our model lesson plans, and that will include lessons on the genocide and atrocities mentioned earlier, so that our teachers will be given materials and training on the Stages of Genocide, and many examples of genocide. Members of the Council would be welcome guests at our program this summer.



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Signature of Chair

Date