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## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

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Virtual TEAMS meeting:

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### Gaagige-Mikwendaagoziwag Reward Account for Information on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Advisory Group

#### Minutes

- Director, Juliet Rudie- Present
- Advisory members introduction
  - Nicole Matthews- Present
  - Merlin Deegan- Present
  - Caroline Palmer- Present
  - Rene Ann Goodrich - Present
  - Selena Garza- Present
  - Kayley Sansom- Present
  - Vacancy: *Representative from a Tribal, Statewide, or local organization that provides legal services to indigenous women and girls* [Position Details \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Notes: Introduction of board members complete

Also present from DPS was Community Planner Ana Negrete with will coordinate the board meetings schedule and notes moving forward.

Also present from DPS with PIO Amber Schindeldecker, who will be able to support the board when announcements need to be mmm or significant progress needs to be publicized.

#### B. Overview of the Statute

- Roles and Responsibilities
  - Development of Reward Fund Policy
- Election of Chair- [Nicole Matthews appointed board chair.](#)

## Discussion

- RG indicated there is about 10K from the original grass roots board that will be transferred to MMIR based reward fund board. Timeline for this has yet to be determined.
- Board discussed how often they will meet. It was agreed that they will meet monthly.
- Request that board members create a bio which will be about 250-300 words and include a photo. Bio's and photos to be sent to PIO Amber S.
- Meetings will be open to the public once policy and procedure is complete.
- How do we want to publicize what we will do and the product that comes out of these meetings. Future meeting to be set with PIO and Chair.
- Will need to review statues and any rules that apply to this board to better understand the expectations and requirements.