



Presiding: Renee Smith, Chair

Members and Guests were greeted and new member, Katy Zemke, PNR, was welcomed. Roll call resulted in a quorum.

Action item: Approval of Minutes – Sept. 25, 2024

Moved: Joe Grisson, Seconded: Angela Reed. Motion Carried.

Advocacy Subcommittee

- 2024 August Advocacy campaign, the Commissioners committee’s participation 2024 – 51%, compared to 2023 – 21%, 30% increase, third behind Legislative Network (LEGNET) and Board of Governors (BOG). See [2024 August Advocacy report](#)
- Ethics for Commissioners and Advocacy for commissioners is now on-demand.

Commissioners Track –session proposal topics for [2025 National Conference Proposal Call for Proposals Deadline: April 30](#) 2 submissions per applicant.

- How to navigate social media platforms to uplift NAHRO content (social media best practices– training 24/7, 365 advocacy through leveraging)
- Commissioners Perspective: Succession Planning and Recruitment of CEO, CFO and Commissioners (include Commissioner Recruitment – Elevator Speeches, under 40 Connections- Commissioner, and Responsibilities (millennials))
- Voices of Residents panel
- Commissioner Board Evaluation and Accountability

Potential panelists: Zella Knight, Angela Reed, Jake Joseph, Phil Bernal, Fred Banuelos, Renee Smith, Joe Grisson, Angela Belford (The Belford Group).

Communications Subcommittee

- Continue review of material for Commissioners Handbook Revision for 4th Edition
- Commissioners Resource Page flyer was available at NAHRO Center.
- Sylvia Gimenez, Communications Director spoke with the subcommittee to confirm they are on the right track.

Committee Champions

In 4/2024, Chair Renee Smith and Vice chair Fred Banuelos wanted to encourage additional support and participation in committee related work, so they created the Commissioners Committee Champions. Champions will be selected from committee members, each quarter. **A champion will meet at least two of following seven criteria:**

1. Attend a state or regional conference and report back to the commissioners committee,
2. RVPs share national commissioners committee activity with their regional conferences,
3. Serve as a committee liaison* to legislative network, diversity equity and inclusion, or prof. develop. - for both virtual and in-person meetings if possible),
4. Get a legislative contact within a quarter,
5. Attend a local housing authority sponsored event and submit report activity/photos to staff liaison to showcase on the NAHRO commissioners’ resource page,
6. Become a National Certified Commissioner (NCC), or
7. Moderate or serve as a panelist in a National Conference commissioner track- session.

*Committee liaisons visit other standing and advisory committees during breakout portion of the in-person meeting, when available, and provide highlights at the in-person committee meeting. If you are interested in being recognized as a Commissioners Committee Champion or want additional information, please contact Chair Renee Smith, rsmith@ypsilantihc.org

Acknowledgement of Committee Champion for March, 2025- Dorothy Carty Daniel.

Attendance: Renee Smith, Fred Banuelos, Phil Bernal, Fermika Smith, Dorothy Carty Daniel, Johnnie Jackson, William Mayes, Jake Joseph, Lizette Mill, Elsie Brown, Katy Zemke, Joe Grisson, Angela Reed, Carol Branham, Emmett Robbins, and Jan Murphy,

Absent: Zella Knight, Skye Kessler, AJ Jones, Sam Bergami, Gary Valentine, Gary Allsup, Susan Ulrich, Johnnie Johnson, Carleen Cumberbatch, DeLois McKinley-Eldridge, Dirk Hoek, and TomiRene Hettman.

Guests: Angela Belford, Fayetteville, AR, Greg Johnson, LaFourche Parish HA, Gray, LA.

Juntos (together)

