

MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE LEAGUE ASSOCIATION OF RISK MANAGEMENT
Friday, Jan. 31, 2020, 10:30 am CT
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Yankee Hill I & II
333 S 13th Street, Lincoln

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) was held Jan. 31, 2020, at 10:30 am CT in Yankee Hill I & II at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel at 333 S 13th Street in Lincoln, Nebraska.

On Jan. 24, 2020, notice of this Meeting with the agenda was sent to all LARM members and the LARM Board. On Jan. 27, 2020, a revised agenda was sent to all LARM members and the LARM Board. Notice of this Meeting with the revised agenda was available for public inspection at 1335 L Street, in Lincoln, Nebraska, and also posted on the League of Nebraska Municipalities' Facebook page and its website relating to LARM – <https://www.lonm.org/larm/>.

(AGENDA ITEM #1) **Call to Order.** At 10:31 am CT, **LARM Board Chair Doug Hanson**, Mayor of Hickman, called the Meeting to order. He stated that in accordance with Chapter 84, Article 14 of the Reissue Revised Statutes of the State of Nebraska 1943, as amended, one copy of all reproducible written materials to be discussed was available to the public at this meeting for examination and copying. Chair Doug Hanson informed the public about the location of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room and stated that the LARM Board may pass motions to go into closed session on any agenda item pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

After the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, the roll call was read with the following Board Members present: **Pam Buethe**, Board Member, Sarpy County SID #29; **Lanette Doane**, Clerk/Treasurer, Village of Ansley; **Mayor Doug Hanson**, City of Hickman; **Jim Hawks**, City Administrator, City of North Platte; **Jo Leyland**, Admin./Clerk/Treasurer, City of Imperial; **Tom Ourada**, City Administrator, City of Crete; **Sandra Schendt**, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Nelson; **Doug Schultz**, Admin./Clerk/Treasurer, City of Curtis; **Mayor Deb VanMatre**, City of Gibbon; ex-officio (non-voting) Board Member **Mayor Dwight Livingston**, City of North Platte and League President; and ex-officio (non-voting) Board Member **L. Lynn Rex**, League Executive Director and "Administrator" of LARM. *9 voting Board Members present; 6 absent (LeAnn Brown, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Oshkosh; Mayor Scott Getzschman, City of Fremont; Melissa Harrell, City Administrator/Treasurer, City of Wahoo [arrived at 10:44 am]; Nathan Johnson, City Manager, City of Scottsbluff; Mayor Josh Moenning, City of Norfolk; and Teresa Youngquist, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Beaver City).*

Chair Doug Hanson asked others in attendance and those on the phone if anyone wanted to identify themselves for purposes of the minutes; Chair Doug Hanson said no one is required to identify themselves: **Andy Barry** of Cline Williams, the League's Outside Legal Counsel on LARM-Related Issues; **Tara Stingley** of Cline Williams; **Jason Grams** of Lamson, Dugan and Murray; and **Silas Clarke**, City Administrator/Economic Development Director, Hickman. The following LARM staff were in attendance: **Dave Bos** and **Tracy Juranek**. The following staff members of the League of Nebraska Municipalities also were in attendance: **Shirley Riley** and **Brenda Henning**.

(AGENDA ITEM #2) **Consider approval of a motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss potential litigation on an employment action, to strategize whether to retain Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. and/or Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP as legal counsel on this matter and any related employment decisions.** At 10:35 am, Sandra Schendt moved, seconded by Pam Buethe to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss potential litigation on an employment action, to strategize whether to retain Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. and/or Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP as legal counsel on this matter and any related employment decisions and also include Jason Grams, Andy Barry, Tara Stingley, Tracy Juranek, Dave Bos, Brenda Henning, Shirley Riley and Silas Clarke. Chair Doug Hanson asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

Chair Doug Hanson repeated the motion to go into closed session for the protection of the public interest to discuss potential litigation on an employment action, to strategize whether to retain Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. and/or Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP as legal counsel on this matter and any related employment decisions and also include Jason Grams, Andy Barry, Tara Stingley, Tracy Juranek, Dave Bos, Brenda Henning, Shirley Riley and Silas Clarke. Chair Doug Hanson asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

Roll call vote. Ayes: Buethe, Doane, Hanson, Hawks, Leyland, Ourada, Schendt, Schultz and VanMatre. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. ***Motion carried: 9 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 6 absent (Brown, Getzschman, Harrell, Johnson, Moenning and Youngquist).***

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At 12:35 pm, Chair Doug Hanson stated that the reason that the Board did go into closed session was for the protection of the public interest to discuss potential litigation on an employment action, to strategize whether to retain Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather, L.L.P. and/or Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP as legal counsel on this matter and any related employment decisions. He noted that Silas Clarke did not participate in the closed session even though he was included in the motion. Melissa Harrell arrived at 10:44. At 11:15 am, Lynn Rex left the closed session. At 11:16 am, LARM Staff and League Staff left the closed session. That left the Board Members, Andy Barry, Tara Stingley and Jason Grams in the closed session. Chair Doug Hanson stated that the Board was back in open session. Chair Doug Hanson asked if there was any discussion; there was none.

Sandra Schendt moved, seconded by Deb VanMatre to retain Cline Williams to represent LARM in responding to the NEOC complaint filed by Michael Nolan on Jan. 14, 2020, and to retain Lamson, Dugan and Murray to represent LARM on issues raised by the NEOC complaint, which concern the relationship between LARM and the League of Nebraska Municipalities. Chair Doug Hanson asked if there was any other discussion; there was none. Roll call vote. Ayes: Buethe, Doane, Hanson, Harrell, Hawks, Leyland, Ourada, Schendt, Schultz and VanMatre. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. ***Motion carried: 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions and 5 absent (Brown, Getzschman, Johnson, Moenning and Youngquist).***

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