

# MID-AMERICA REGULATORY CONFERENCE

# MINUTES

June 15, 2021 | Virtual Meeting

The following Commissioners attended the meeting

X	Kim O'Guinn	AR
X	Justin Tate	AR
	Ted Thomas	AR
X	Maria Bocanegra	IL
X	Michael Carrigan	IL
X	D. Ethan Kimbrel	IL
X	Carrie Zalewski	IL
X	Sarah Freeman	IN
X	Jim Huston	IN
	Stefanie Krevda	IN
X	David Ober	IN
X	David Ziegner	IN
X	Josh Byrnes	IA
	Geri Huser	IA
X	Richard Lozier	IA
X	Susan Duffy	KS
X	Andrew French	KS
X	Dwight Keen	KS
X	Katherine Peretick	MI
X	Tremaine Phillips	MI
X	Dan Scripps	MI
	Valerie Means	MN
	Matthew Schuerger	MN
X	Katie Sieben	MN
	Joe Sullivan	MN

X	John Tuma	MN
X	Maida Coleman	MO
	Jason Holsman	MO
X	Glen Kolkmeyer	MO
X	Scott Rupp	MO
X	Ryan Silvey	MO
	Rod Johnson	NE
	Chrystal Rhodes	NE
X	Mary Ridder	NE
X	Tim Schram	NE
	Dan Watermeier	NE
X	Randy Christmann	ND
X	Julie Fedorchak	ND
	Brian Kroshus	ND
X	Bob Anthony	OK
	Todd Hiatt	OK
X	Dana Murphy	OK
X	Kristie Fiegen	SD
X	Gary Hanson	SD
X	Chris Nelson	SD
	Peter Lake	TX
	Will McAdams	TX
X	Tyler Huebner	WI
X	Ellen Nowak	WI
	Rebecca Valcq	WI

## MARC



### President

Gary Hanson, SD

### Vice President

Sadzi Oliva, IL

### Treasurer

Katie Sieben, MN

### Secretary

Dan Scripps, MI

### Executive Committee

Ellen Nowak, WI

Arkansas • Illinois • Indiana  
Iowa • Kansas • Michigan  
Minnesota • Missouri • Nebraska  
North Dakota • Oklahoma  
South Dakota • Texas • Wisconsin

## **1. Call to Order/ Welcome New Commissioners**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00PM PM Eastern Time by President Hanson.

Chairman Ryan Silvey (MO) noted that Commissioner Glen Kolkmeier was recently appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission, and was participating in his first MARC meeting.

## **2. Minutes and Secretary's Report (Commissioner Scripps)**

The minutes from the February 8, 2021 MARC Board meeting were presented by President Hanson.

The minutes were moved by Commissioner Coleman (MO), seconded by Commissioner Huston (IN), and adopted by the Board.

## **3. Treasurer's Report (Commissioner Sieben)**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Sieben. The only significant expense was a site deposit relating to the MARC 2022 meeting in Chicago; other expenses included Bill.com and other routine expenses. The Treasurer's report was moved by Commissioner Bocanegra (IL), seconded by Commissioner Freeman (IN), and adopted by the Board.

In addition, Treasurer Sieben reported that she is in the process of removing Commissioner Oliva as an official signatory on the MARC Wells Fargo account, and adding Commissioner Scripps.

## **4. President's Report (Commissioner Hanson)**

- Transition of MARC Accounting Support

President Hanson provided an update on transitioning of MARC's accounting support to LTEVA Contractor Services, and noted he had sent an email with background documents to the Board. He is supportive of making this transition, with the formal vote postponed to allow for Board members to review the materials and discuss in person at the next MARC meeting.

- Appointment of Vice President, Executive Committee Member

President Hanson informed the Board members of two appointments he made pursuant to the MARC Bylaws following the resignation of Illinois Commerce Commissioner Sadzi Oliva. To fill the position of Vice President, President Hanson appointed Wisconsin Commissioner Ellen Nowak, who had been serving as the At-Large Executive Committee Member. To fill the open At-Large Executive Committee Member, President Hanson appointed Illinois Commissioner Maria Bocanegra.

- 2022 Annual Conference

President Hanson also appointed Illinois Commissioner Bocanegra to serve as President of the 2022 Annual Meeting. This has been done before for past MARC conferences, and will better position Commissioner Bocanegra in securing fundraising support and speaker confirmations.

President Hanson also recommended that Illinois be provided a “loan” in the amount of \$20,000 to cover initial expenses related to the 2022 annual meeting prior to when sponsorship dollars are realized. Providing initial financial support in this amount was moved by Commissioner Ridder (NE), seconded by Commissioner Anthony (OK), and adopted by the Board.

## **5. Vice President’s Report (Commissioner Nowak)**

There was no Vice President’s report for this meeting.

## **6. Executive Committee’s Report (Commissioner Bocanegra)**

There was no Executive Committeemember’s report for this meeting.

## **7. Old Business**

Beyond the items covered in the President’s report, there was no additional old business for this meeting.

## **8. New Business**

- Update on 2022 MARC Annual Meeting

Commissioner Bocanegra provided an update on planning for the MARC 2022 meeting in Chicago, which will take place from Sunday, June 19, 2022 through Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the Radisson Blu Aqua hotel. The Illinois planning team is working to secure the Shedd Aquarium for the opening reception on Sunday night, both for its iconic views of the Chicago skyline, and also to spotlight the Aquarium’s onsite microgrid and energy plant.

The planning team is also seeking volunteers for the conference, as well as asking for help in leveraging the networks of MARC members for keynote and other featured speakers.

Commissioner Bocanegra also shared a survey to inform the development of content for the meeting.

- Gift in appreciation of Cindy Kemnitz’s efforts

President Hanson noted that the Executive Committee had recently supported the idea of recognizing the efforts of Cindy Kemnitz by providing her with a \$3000 gift. Cindy has been a key element of MARC’s work over the past several years, assisting with a range of accounting

duties and in the preparation of the regular Treasurer's reports. Current Treasurer Sieben also spoke to the valuable role Cindy has played, and spoke in favor of making the gift. Commissioner Keen (KS) formally moved that MARC provide Cindy Kemnitz with a gift in the amount of \$3000, which was seconded by Commissioner Anthony (OK), and adopted by the Board.

## 9. Schedule of Upcoming MARC Meetings

- MARC Business Meeting at NARUC Summer Policy Summit  
Date: July 19, 2021 – 5pm Mountain Time  
Denver, CO  
(in-person with remote option)
- MARC Business Meeting at NARUC Annual Meeting  
Date: November 8, 2021  
Louisville, KY
- MARC Commissioner Seminar  
Date: January 2022  
Hotel Contessa, San Antonio, TX
- MARC Business Meeting at NARUC Winter Policy Summit  
Date: February 14, 2022  
Washington DC
- MARC Annual Meeting and Conference  
Date: June 19-22, 2022  
Chicago, IL

## 10. Adjourn

Commissioner Fiegen (SD) moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Schram (NE), and the motion was supported by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm Eastern Time.