

## Minutes

Iowa League of Cities Executive Board  
Meeting by Electronic Means (conference call)  
Tuesday, April 14, 2020  
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Present on phone: Tom Lazio, President  
Quentin Hart, President-elect  
Scott Naumann, Immediate Past President  
Matt Walsh, Past President  
John Lundell, Past President  
David Jones, Director  
Jessica Kinser, Director  
Dawn Meyer, Director  
Alison Osweiler, Director  
Al Roder, Director  
Chris Taylor, Director  
Ashley Vanorny, Director  
Shirley McAdon, Director  
Corrin Spiegel, Director  
Donny Hobbs, Director  
Tim Schmidt, Director  
Tom Cope, Director  
Greg Pıklapp, Director

Absent: Bob Scott, Director

Also Present: Alan Kemp, Executive Director  
Shannon Busby, Office Manager  
Jeff Hovey, Director of Risk Services  
Alison Deiter, Senior Accountant  
Dana Monosmith, Controller  
Robert Palmer, General Counsel and Director of Government Affairs  
Heather Roberts, Director of Information Services  
Mickey Shields, Director of Membership Services  
Jessica Vogel, Communications Coordinator  
Erin Mullenix, Research Director  
Daniel Stalder, Government Affairs Outreach Coordinator

### 1. Call to Order

President Lazio called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

### 2. COVID-19 Discussion

#### a. Social Distancing Impacts

The President and executive director opened it up to the board to discuss closures best practices, employee mental health, telecommuting, pool and summer programs and reopening of city facilities. The board discussed enforcement of closures and monitoring areas in the city. Cities will follow guidance from the state on how to reopen facilities and guidance from the state on pools and summer programming.

**b. Electronic Meetings**

Electronic meetings seem to be going well. Most are doing a test run before the meeting. Some are concerned about using Zoom for their meetings. Board spoke on addressing quorum issues via emails.

**c. Support for Small Businesses**

Fundraising to support small businesses. Some cities approved using their revolving fund as emergency fund for businesses.

**d. City Budget Impacts**

The executive director and research director reported that we are currently reaching out to cities to see where impacts will be so they can assist with finding resources to help cities recover. The Board asked the League to research internet sales tax and the collection of the revenue from the tax. The board expressed concern on the backfill and property taxes.

**e. Management of Staff**

Cities are currently trying not to lay off staff and are either moving forward with interviews for seasonal employees or waiting to hear from the Governor.

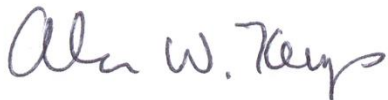
**f. Federal and State Financial Support for Local Government**

Some cities are receiving pre-paid transit funds to assist them with the shortfall during the pandemic. The executive director addressed the CARES Act funding. While the state is receiving \$1.25 billion in federal funding, there remains no direction on if the state can use the funds to directly help cities with their revenue short-falls. The executive director also noted that the National League of Cities is addressing a letter that the National Association of Counties sent to Congress requesting changes to the CDBG distribution formula.

**3. Adjourn**

The executive board adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan W. Kemp  
Executive Director