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Board of Directors Meeting 3 p.m., Thursday, December 11, 2025

In person:
420 Watson Powell Jr Way
Suite 200
Des Moines, IA 50309

Virtual:
Teams
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Meeting ID:
Meeting ID: 283 952 604 392 5
Meeting Passcode: 6rr7QJ6v

Tentative Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. VOTE: Approval of Agenda
3. VOTE: Approval of Meeting Minutes.....Page 2
 - Report on the June 16, 2025 meeting minutes; consider approval.
4. REPORT and VOTE: MIPA Designation as a Council of GovernmentsPage 3
 - Report on MIPA seeking Council of Governments designation from the State of Iowa.
5. Other Non-Action Items of Interest to the Committee
6. Next Meeting Date
 - TBD – June 2026
7. Adjournment



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Item No. 3

ISSUE: Meeting Minutes

VOTE: Consider approval of the June 16th, 2025, MIPA Board of Directors meeting minutes.

BACKGROUND:

[Click here for a copy of the June 16th, 2025 MIPA Board of Directors meeting minutes.](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the minutes of the June 16th, 2025, MIPA Board of Directors meeting.

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Item No. 4

ISSUE: MIPA Designation as a Council of Governments

REPORT: Report on MIPA seeking Council of Governments designation from the State of Iowa.

BACKGROUND:

On September 30, MIPA staff emailed all member community representatives to inform them of the upcoming opportunity for MIPA to pursue official State COG Designation during the next legislative session. Staff also offered to present on the topic at city council and supervisors meetings.

Staff has mostly received positive feedback from member communities that have inquired about the initiative. In addition to member communities, staff also notified the City of Des Moines, City of Altoona, Polk County, and Dallas County but has not received a response.

At the November 17th MIPA Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee unanimously recommended moving forward with seeking COG designation. A subsequent vote by the Board of Directors is needed to approve of MIPA seeking COG designation.

[Click here for a copy of the COG Overview Informational Sheet](#)

[Click here for a copy of the MIPA COG Designation Q&A](#)

Should the COG Designation Initiative be approved, MIPA staff would begin the process of engaging with member communities and legislators from around the region to make the necessary changes to State Code.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve of MIPA seeking COG Designation from the State of Iowa.

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