

**Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission
Friday, October 22, 2021
Remote Special Meeting by Zoom
With Audio Stream for the Public**

Commissioners Present by Zoom:

Bert Polchies, Ezekiel Crofton-Macdonald, Kevin Hancock, James Cote, Sam St. John, Sarah Medina, Bob Checkoway, Joey Barnes, John Cashwell.

Staff Present by Zoom: Paul Thibeault (Managing Director), Rachel Bell (Projects Coordinator)

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Review of Agenda

A quorum of nine Members was present. Managing Director Paul Thibeault identified the commissioners present and reiterated that this special meeting would be entirely focused on the designation of an interim chairperson and to determine the process of selecting a chairperson for a full term.

Motion: Bert Polchies made a motion to appoint Bob Checkoway as the interim chairperson, effective immediately.

Seconded by John Cashwell. There were no comments or other nominations.

Motion was approved unanimously by roll call, nine in favor, none opposed.

Bob Checkoway, Interim Chairperson, took over facilitation of the meeting. It was agreed by consensus that John Cashwell could leave the meeting to attend to a prior obligation. Discussion shifted to the process of finding a permanent chair. It was decided by consensus that the staff would begin moving forward with an active search, with Bert Polchies, Kevin Hancock, and Bob Checkoway as informal advisers. MITSC will use substantial networking to get the word out through various channels, including social media. All Commission Members are encouraged to offer suggestions for potential applicants and contacts. The updated Position Description, Desired Qualifications, and Informational Material will be provided to potential applicants.

Motion: Bert Polchies made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Sarah Medina. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned.