

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING OF THE
MUSLIM AMERICAN ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Muslim American Advisory Council (“MAAC” or the “Council”), pursuant to notice duly given, held a Meeting on December 17, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 16-100, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

MAAC Members Present:

1. Sohair Omar, Co-Chair
2. Dr. Bambade Shakoor-Abdullah
3. Murad Moosa Bhaidani
4. Mumtaz Champsi
5. Clyde El-Amin
6. S. Jafer Hasnain
7. Dzafer Kulenovic (via audio conference)
8. Dr. Sevil Kutay
9. Tariq Malhance
10. Najjar Abdul-Musawwir (via audio conference)
11. Salim Al Nurridin
12. Eboo Patel (via audio conference)
13. Aisha Qadeem (via audio conference)
14. Matthew Ramadan (designee of Mohammed Kaiseruddin)
15. Dr. Mohammad Zaher Sahloul (via audio conference)
16. Safaa Zarzour, Esq. (via audio conference)

MAAC Members Absent:

1. Kareem M. Irfan, Esq., Co-Chair
2. Dr. Irfan Ahmad
3. Tariq El-Amin
4. Dr. Inamul Haq
5. Laila Muhammad
6. Rami Nashashibi
7. Imad Rahman
8. Ahmed Rehab
9. Anas Usman

Guests Present:

Ali Ahmed, Islamic Foundation School
Suzanne Akhras, Syrian American Medical Society
Mohammed Amardini
Syed Khan, Council of Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago
Ndidi Okakpu, Chicagoland Shura Council
Mark Zajac, Office of the Governor

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Co-Chair Omar called the Meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Mr. Zajac called the roll. There being ten (10) Members physically present and six (6) Members participating via audio conference, a quorum was met.

II. Co-Chairs' Remarks

Co-Chair Omar commended the Members for their improved attendance and completion of their ethics training. She also noted the resignation of Mr. Nashashibi as a Member of the Council.

She went on to encourage Members to call on young Muslim professionals to apply to the James H. Dunn, Jr. Memorial Fellowship Program (the "Program"), offered through the Office of the Governor. Mr. Zajac provided an overview of the Program.

III. Adoption of the Minutes

Having a quorum, minutes of the meeting held on November 19, 2013 were taken up for consideration. Mr. Malhance moved for the adoption of the minutes. Dr. Sahloul seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Review and Approval of the Council's Second Semiannual Report to the Governor

Co-Chair Omar presented the draft recommendations in the policy areas of human services, public safety and government services. Discussion ensued.

Following the review of draft recommendations by all Members, Mr. El-Amin made a motion to approve the content of the second semiannual report. Mr. Bhaidani seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Report by the Legislative Affairs Committee

None.

VI. Report by the Economic Development Committee

None.

VII. Report by the Communications Committee

None.

VIII. Other Business

Co-Chair Omar reiterated her appreciation for the continued commitment of the Members.

She stated that a schedule of the Council's meetings in 2014 will be sent to all Members by Mr. Zajac.

IX. Public Comment

None.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Ramadan made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Kutay seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The MAAC Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Mark Zajac
Chief of Staff Dunn Fellow
Office of the Governor