



MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 09, 2026 at 5:15 PM

**City Hall - Conference Room 106, 828 Center Avenue,
Sheboygan, WI**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alexandria King-Close, Peter Janssen, Mitchell Tenpas, Tomomi Kanemaru, Nicole Brown, Alex Vanden Heuvel, Mickenzie Petrie, M Chang, Brittney Wagner, Zach Rust, Annie Van Zeeland, Katy Ries, Melissa Para, Deb Sabol-Williams, Thomas Nicla

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Ryan Sorenson, Assistant to the Mayor Cati Pudner

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Alexandria King-Close called the meeting to order at 5:16 PM.

2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Correspondence

Recent correspondence with Esslingen counterparts was shared.

MINUTES

5. Mayor's International Committee held on February 05, 2026

Motion by Peter Janssen and seconded by Zachary Rust to approve the minutes from February 05, 2026.
Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Tsubame Debrief

Mayor Sorenson gave debrief of Tsubame trip and presented gifts and memorabilia from Tsubame. Assistant to the Mayor Cati Pudner presented a slideshow of photos from the trip.

7. Tea Talks

Members Peter Janssen and Deb Sabol-Williams proposed restarting a variation of previous "coffee talks." Committee discussed where to attract participants and what form the program would take, including audio postcards.

8. Esslingen updates

The Esslingen Twin Cities program changed leadership. Esslingen counterparts are no longer able to send a delegation in October 2026 due to budget constraints, but invite the committee to visit in 2026.

9. Community Events & Fundraising Ideas

Proposal to combine Esslingenfest with Journey to Japan and hold both on the same weekend later in the year.

CLOSING OF MEETING

11. Tentative Next Meeting Date: May 07, 2026.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Mitchell Tenpas and seconded by Nicole Brown to adjourn. Motion carried. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.