



MAYOR'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 08, 2026 at 5:15 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alexandria King-Close, Peter Janssen, Deb Sabol-Williams, Mitchell Tenpas, Tomomi Kanemaru, Nicole Brown, Alex Vanden Heuvel, McKenzie Petrie; Virtual: Melissa Parra, M Chang, Katy Ries, Thomas Nicla

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brittney Wagner, Zach Rust, Annie Van Zeeland

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

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Alexandria King-Close called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

2. Roll Call

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Correspondence

Travel group has been in contact with Tsubame and travel agency. The city received a holiday card from Tsubame.

MINUTES

5. Mayor's International Committee held on December 04, 2025

Motion by Mitchell Tenpas and seconded by Peter Janssen to approve the minutes from December 04, 2025. Motion Carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Tsubame travel planning

Mayor's office received updates from travel agency and a sample itinerary.

7. Community outreach/advocacy

Member Deb Sabol-Williams presented on plan to collaborate with Mead Public Library for Valentine's Day card exchange with sister cities. A timeline and volunteer sign-up sheet was distributed. Members proposed reaching out to the Manitowoc International Relations Association to discuss collaboration opportunities.

8. Fundraising

Chair Alexandria King-Close and Treasurer Cati Pudner gave a general overview of the committee's current financial standing and future fundraising goals. A comprehensive budget overview was planned for the following meeting.

9. Esslingen delegation hosting

Newly joined members were updated on the German delegation visit planned for October 2026.

CLOSING OF MEETING

10. Tentative Next Meeting Date: February 05, 2026.

11. Adjourn

Motion by Nicole Brown and seconded by McKenzie Petrie to adjourn. Motion carried. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.