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Bureau of Ag Development & Resource Conservation**



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**Connecticut Department of Agriculture Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Working Group
Main DEI Working Group**

Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday August 23, 2021
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

Meeting was held virtually and was recorded.

Members Present: Khadijah Muhammad, Luis Vega, Lauren Little, Vicheth Im, Dominick Grant, Latha Swamy, Shawn Joseph, Debbie Thomas-Sims, Dishaun Harris, Elizabeth Guerra, John Filchak, Anwar Ahmad, Jiff Martin, Héctor Gerardo

Members Absent: Azeem Zakir Kareem (Blessings), Robert Chang

Public Present: None

DoAg Staff: Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Cyrena Thibodeau

1. Welcome and Call to Order- Meeting was called to order by Cyrena Thibodeau at 11:10 AM
2. Group Introductions- Participants introduced themselves to the group and shared their affiliation
3. New Business
 - a. Community Agreements- Members agreed to community agreements and added those put forward by NESAWG. <https://nesawg.org/conference/community-agreements>
 - b. Review and Discussion on guidance document
 - c. Future meetings: dates, length, documents/organization
4. Public Comment- No public comments
5. Next Steps- Cyrena will send follow up email and work with DoAg staff to schedule next meetings of topic groups
6. Adjourn- Meeting was adjourned by Cyrena Thibodeau at 12:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by Cyrena Thibodeau, AMIR, August 30 2021.