

Governor's Council on Women and Girls
Full Council Meeting, Virtual
July 7, 2020 @ 3pm

Minutes

- I. Greetings and Opening Remarks
 - a. Lt. Governor Bysiewicz calls meeting to order at apx. 3pm, welcomes members and guests, and thanks Commissioners for their work.
- II. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity
 - i. Lt. Governor acknowledges that she Co-Chairs this Subcommittee with the Comptroller's Office, DECD, the Office of Health Strategy and the Department of Housing
 - ii. Lt. Governor notes that yesterday she participated in another panel discussion re the latest updates on resources for women owned-businesses during COVID-19 with State Representative Kate Rotelle; Fran Pastore from Women's Business Development Council; and fellow Subcommittee Co-Chair, and DECD Deputy Commissioner, Glendowlyn Thames. She further explains that the Council intends to remain a resource to answer questions for women-owned businesses.
 - iii. Lt. Governor introduces Lora Rae Anderson for launch of Financial Literacy website
 - iv. L.R. Anderson thanks OHS Exec. Dir. Veltri for spearheading the initiative and thanks core group of support (OHS' Laura Morris; DOB's Kathleen Titsworth; Sam Norton, first from AG's office and now from LG's office; SDE's Melissa Hickey) and shares and describes website <https://portal.ct.gov/Financial-Literacy-Portal>.
 - v. Lt. Governor thanks L.R. Anderson and partners (state offices and non-profits) who worked to bring website together.
 - b. Education & STEAM
 - i. Lt. Governor notes that last week there was a showcase for the Coding Challenge featuring some of the entries and introduces subcommittee Co-Chairs OHE Exec. Dir. Larson and DMV Commissioner Magubane.
 - ii. E.D. Larson introduces Steering Committee member Norm Sondheimer who describes PowerPoint presentation summarizing the launch of the challenge, entries, results' statistics and opportunities for improvement with participation from girls and underserved communities (*Sondheimer was unable to share PowerPoint but it was later sent to council members and contacts; see Attachment 1).
 - iii. Lt. Governor thanks Sondheimer, notes that we should work with Girl Scouts of CT and YWCA in the future, and introduces SDE Deputy Commissioner Russell-Tucker who briefly remarks to offer thanks and intention to assist with reaching additional communities in the future.

- c. Health & Safety
 - i. Lt. Governor notes Tri-Chairs of Subcommittee: Commissioners Dorantes from DCF, Delphin-Rittmon from DMHAS and Bye from OEC and introduces Comm. Delphin-Rittmon to give report
 - ii. Comm. Delphin-Rittmon notes that they met on June 23rd with guest, Steve Hernandez, from the Commission on Women, Children, Seniors, Equity, and Opportunity to discuss collaboration on addressing social and emotional learning in schools and notes that the Subcommittee will continue to work with Commission on the matter. She further notes discussion on what COVID magnified for various agencies and steering committee members and how it has shaped their work.
 - d. Leadership
 - i. Lt. Governor notes that Leadership Subcommittee Tri-Chairs are Council Vice Chair and OPM Secretary Melissa McCaw, Christine Shaw from the Treasurer's Office and DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes and introduces Ms. Shaw to report out on behalf of the Subcommittee.
 - ii. C. Shaw notes that they met on June 10th and discussed how to refocus work in light of lessons learned by current challenges and will form work groups to address the following: racial and gender disparities on boards and commissions in follow up to SOTS report; women leaders and first responders during COVID 19; Aspiring Leaders online platform with expansion of programming and development opportunities; overall employee development and training; and assessing ways in which state agencies set hiring goals.
- III. Announcements
- a. Lt. Governor thanks Subcommittee Co-Chairs and Steering Committee partners for their work and opens the floor for announcements. She directs people to website (<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Working-Groups/Governors-Council-on-Women-and-Girls>) for meeting information and gives upcoming meeting schedule:
 - i. Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity: Wednesday August 12th at 11am but we expect that to change.
 - ii. Education & STEAM: Wednesday August 12th at 1pm
 - iii. Health & Safety: Monday August 3rd at 10am
 - iv. Leadership: Wednesday August 12th at 10am
 - v. Full Council meeting: September 15th at 2pm.
 - b. SDE Deputy Commissioner Russell-Tucker shares that State's plan for reopening schools is out and has a component about addressing students' social, emotional and mental health needs. She recognizes Health and Safety Subcommittee report and further notes that addressing this is a priority for SDE.
 - c. Lt. Governor notes that C. Phoenix-Sharpe will be on leave after July 31st
- IV. Lt. Governor adjourns meeting at apx 4:45pm.

Virtual Meeting Council Member Attendance Report

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Susan Bysiewicz	Lt. Governor, Chair
Christine Shaw	Office of the State Treasurer
Tara Downes	Office of the State Comptroller
Shannon Wegele	Office of the Secretary of the State
Clare Kindall	Office of State Attorney General
Glendowlyn Thames	DECD
Thomas Saadi	DVA
Jorge Perez	DOB
Amy Porter	DADS
MiriamDelphin-Rittmon	DMHAS
Shante Hanks	DOH
Vannessa Dorantes	DCF
CharleneRussell-Tucker	SDE
Michelle Seagull	DCP
Tim Larson	OHE
Andrew Mais	Ins. Dept.
Katie Dykes	DEEP
Erin Choquette	DAS
Kim Martone	OHS
Kayleigh Royston	DOA
Kathryn Rock-Burns	DDS
Brian Foley	DESPP
Astread Ferron-Poole	DSS
Bob Ross	Military Affairs
Cheryl Cepelak	DOC
James Polites	DRS
Dorinda Borer	House Democrats