

Governor's Council on Women and Girls
Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity
October 14, 2020 @ 2pm
Virtual Meeting

Minutes

- I. Greetings & Introductions
 - a. Lt. Governor offers greetings and acknowledges Subcommittee Co-Chairs of Comptroller's Office, Department of Housing, DECD and the Office of Health Strategy.
 - b. Lt. Governor recognizes tomorrow's conclusion of Hispanic Heritage Month and notes that she hosted a panel of Latino women elected officials and that she and Council Vice Chair Sec. McCaw co-hosted a panel of Latino women in leadership. She further notes intent to host panels during Black History Month
 - c. Lt. Governor makes housekeeping note to use chat function for announcements.
- II. Status of Subcommittee Work
 - a. Lt. Governor notes that Council will again endorse several pieces of legislation that were raised through this Subcommittee, and others, last year. She further notes that if there are any questions or comments about legislation that the Council is endorsing in 2021 to contact Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe.
 - b. Lt. Governor notes that she visited some women and minority owned businesses that received financial assistance through State and Federal resources in response to COVID-19 and how such resources helped these small business owners stay afloat through the pandemic. She thanks partners in these efforts.
 - c. Lt. Governor introduces Tara Downes from the Comptroller's Office. T. Downes reminds that the Comptroller's Office report using October data for new hires and dependents is still on target for completion by end of year and that the office remains open to ideas on different metrics to research and report.
 - d. Lt. Governor introduces Department of Housing. Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks reports that Leadership Academy applications will be available in November and due in December for a February start with modified virtual platforms. S. Hanks acknowledges sponsors and notes that information about the Academy is available on the DOH and CHFA websites.
 - e. Lt. Governor notes that the financial literacy website launched earlier this year continues to be updated and that the Subcommittee is also evaluating other ways to reach women and girls with this information.
 - f. Lt. Governor further notes that the Subcommittee continues to be a resource for women owned businesses and remains available to partner with Steering Committee members.
- III. Announcements
 - a. Lt. Governor asks if there are any announcements.
- IV. Closing Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor notes that there will be a full Council meeting on November 10 at 3pm and adjourns meeting at apx 2:20pm.

Subcommittee Member Attendance Report

Susan Bysiewicz	Lt. Governor
Shanté Hanks	DOH
Tara Downes	Comptroller's Office
Kim Martone	OHS
Cathy Blinder	DCP
Kathleen Titsworth	DOB
Kathy Brennan	DSS