

April 9, 2021

To: Chair of Consumer Advisory Council, Terry Nowakowski

From: Bob Krzys, Chair, CAC Membership Committee

Re: Report of Membership Committee meeting and Recommendations of the Committee to the full Council

Dear Chair:

The Membership Committee met March 24, 2021. Under review were the requirements of the By-Laws that each Council member cannot be absent for three or more meetings each calendar year or be subject to removal. The Committee was provided with a record of attendance for all members for calendar 2020. Also under review was the issue of term limits and their application to members who were previously members of the Consumer Advisory Board prior to the adoption of the By-Laws of the Consumer Advisory Council. The issue discussed was the application of the term limits to those members who had been serving as CAB members when the By-Laws were adopted.

ATTENDANCE:

Attached to this report is the attendance record of each member. It was noted that at least one member of the CAC had questioned the attendance figures in that the member had actually attended and that the attendance had not been properly recorded. It was also discussed that 2020 was a unique year in terms of the effect of the pandemic upon the professional and personal lives of our members and for all people living in Connecticut.

Committee Recommendation as to application of attendance requirements:

It was decided by consensus to recommend to the full Council that the three absence rule should not be applied for 2020 as to any member. It was also decided by consensus to recommend to the full Council that a roll call of members be taken at the commencement of each meeting. It was also decided to recommend that all members should endeavor to notify the Chair whenever a member could not be present.

APPLICATION OF TERM LIMITS:

It was discussed that the By-Laws are silent as to the application of the institution of the term limits to former CAB members. In light of this fact, the Committee noted the intent of the term limit provision was to encourage a process whereby there would be a continuing process to ensure that new voices would constantly be added to the Council. Nevertheless, in light of the non-specificity of the by-laws, it is recommended that all members of the CAB be regarded as new members effective the date of the new by laws that instituted the by laws.

Membership Application of Michelle Scott:

It was noted that the Committee had recommended Michelle Scott for membership and that her nomination would be placed before the full Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting

Lastly, it was noted that the membership committee will be meeting later in April to consider additional applications submitted before the closing date of April 14, 2021.