

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
Community Investment Fund 2030

September 27, 2022 Special Meeting 10 A.M.  
Legislative Office Building (LOB), Hearing Room 1D  
300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106

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## **MINUTES**

### **1. Welcome and Roll Call**

A meeting of the Community Investment Fund was held at the Legislative Office Building, Hartford, CT on September 27, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Speaker Ritter at 10:00 A.M..

#### **Attendance**

Speaker Ritter  
Senate President Looney  
Majority Leader Duff  
Minority Leader Candelora  
Representative Felipe  
Senator McCrory  
Secretary Beckham  
Paul Mounds  
Jonathan Dach  
Commissioner Gifford  
Commissioner Gilman  
Deputy Secretary of State Bates  
Deputy Commissioner Daum  
Matthew Pugliese  
Margaret Chapple  
David Radcliff, OTT designee  
Charlotte Moller  
Commissioner Mosquera-Bruno

Attended Online:  
Representative Borer

Senator Moore  
Treasurer Shawn Wooden  
Minority Leader Kelly  
Majority Leader Rojas

## 2. Comments from the Chairs

Senate President Looney spoke of the funding needs across Connecticut for capital projects and how this first allocation meeting of the Community Investment Fund 2030 will help fill that need.

Speaker Ritter spoke of the process that is running well and invited opening comments from board members, there were none.

## 3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2022 Meeting

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from 5/10/2022.

Motion – by Representative Borer  
Second – by Secretary Beckham  
Discussion – None  
In Favor – All  
Opposed – None  
Motion Passed, minutes were approved.

## 4. CIF Policy and Guideline Updates

- a. Correction on Prioritization language
- b. PIC/Alliance Municipality eligibility status clarification

Deputy Commissioner Daum referred to the policy and program guidelines document, and presented the proposed updates, two small changes. A correction on prioritization language and PIC/Alliance Municipality eligibility status clarification. The first change would match the legislation and correct the policy making it clear that only municipal projects may get statutory prioritization as a result of getting a letter of support. Non-profits are not eligible for that statutory prioritization. The second change would specify that if a community is an Alliance

or PIC community, even if they fall off the list due to changing statistics during the five years of the program, they will still be eligible for the CIF program. A discussion of statutory prioritization and support letters ensued.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to approve the proposed changes to the policy and guidelines in agenda part 4a and 4b.

Motion – by Paul Mounds

Second – by Senator McCrory

Discussion – None

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, items 4a and 4b are approved.

5. CIF Round 2 NOFA Release Timeline

6. CIF Round 1 Applications for Funding

Matt Pugliese, taking agenda item 5 and 6 together, provided a status update for Round 1 and proposed the next funding round timeline, Round 2. With the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) released on November 1, 2022 and the applications due by January 6, 2023. For the review process, he proposed that the application materials be presented to the board members for their review on February 24, 2022 and possible vote at the board meeting planned for March 16, 2022.

A discussion ensued, Speaker Ritter asked about the feedback that will be provided to the applicants of projects that were not selected.

Deputy Commissioner Daum explained that feedback will be provided to all applicants, either why they were not eligible or that they were eligible and that their project had certain strengths and weaknesses, along with the invitation to work on their application and reapply.

that there will be a pro-active re-apply process. So that any application that is not on schedule A will need to re-apply for Round 2.

Senator Moore specifically asked about the number of applications submitted. Matthew Pugliese reported that there were 183 initial applications, 172 after de-duping. Of that, 147 were from eligible applicants. Those that did not receive an award will be given guidance for reapplication.

Senator Moore asked Mr. Pugliese to look again at the timeline to be sure there is enough time for the board to review.

Deputy Commissioner Daum indicated that the DECD is open to changes to the review schedule. Speaker Ritter suggested that the board meeting could be considered for April, and there is time to consider moving that out to allow additional time for the board to review the Round 2 application review timeline and still do a second allocation in this fiscal year.

Paul Mounds noted that there were close to \$900 million dollars worth of applications and that applicants for projects that were not selected will receive detailed feedback and he thanked Mr. Pugliese for that work.

Minority Leader Candalora (sp) – asked about oversight of projects. Deputy Commissioner Daum spoke of the DECD capital project management review process that these projects will go through, from start to close-out.

Representative Borer reiterated that additional time for review by the board would be appreciated.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to approve Schedule A in the meeting packet from the CIF Round 1 Projects Currently Proposed dated 9/24/2022 for a total of \$76,477,835.

Motion – by Majority Leader Duff  
Second – by Representative Felipe

Discussion – Paul Mounds, requested that before a vote on all the projects are taken, that Item 23 be taken off as a separate vote. Alexandra Daum, requested the same of Item 9.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to amend Schedule A to have 9 & 23 removed.

Motion – by Minority Leader Candelora

Second – by Secretary Beckham

Discussion – None

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, there is a new Schedule A as amended with items 9 and 23 removed.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to adopt Schedule A.

Motion – by Representative Felipe

Second – by Minority Leader Candelora

Discussion – None

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, Schedule A is adopted.

Alexandra Daum left the room.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to adopt item 9, for an award of \$1,092,500.

Motion – by Minority Leader Candelora

Second – by Majority Leader Duff

Discussion – None

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, Item 9 is adopted.

Alexandra Daum returned, Paul Mounds left the room.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to adopt item 23, for an award of \$2,500,000.

Motion – by Majority Leader Duff

Second – by Representative Felipe

Discussion – Majority Leader Rojas spoke about the project, which will include improvements to a community rooming house in East Hartford.

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, Item 23 is adopted.

Paul Mounds returned.

## 7. For the Good of the Order – New Business, Updates and Information

Jeff Beckham, Secretary of OPM spoke of Bond Commission agenda timelines and asked for two weeks of flexibility for bond commission considerations. Submission to governor triggers the 60-day requirement for the governor either reject the schedule of projects in its entirety or to place the items on a Bond Commission Meeting Agenda. Speaker Ritter stated that the submission to the governor can be held and submitted in a couple of weeks, but that timing can be decided by board chairs. A discussion ensued. Paul Mounds explained that the legislation doesn't allow flexibility for OPM and Governor's office regarding the 60-day timeline.

At Deputy Commissioner Daum's request, Agenda item #5 was revisited.

Speaker Ritter asked for a motion to approve the proposed timeline for opening Round 2, with the call for applications opening on 11/1/2022 and a due date of 1/6/2022.

Motion – by Majority Leader Duff

Second – by Paul Mounds

Discussion – Majority Leader Rojas spoke about the project, which will include improvements to a community rooming house in East Hartford.

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion Passed, Round 2 applications will be opened on November 1, 2022 with applications due on January 6, 2022.

Speaker Ritter asked for additional comments. Representative Borer asked about signing letters for projects in her district from non-profits, and noted that it is important to be uniform and expressed concern about conflicts. Speaker Ritter stated that he will get an opinion in writing from ethics on the matter and bring it back to the board.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 A.M.