

## **CoWag Full Council Meeting**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024**

**3:00 PM Via Videoconference**

**Video available here:**

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#### **I. Welcome**

Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

#### **II. Governor Presentation re Needs of Board/Commissions (Tom Scanlon, Director of Appointments)**

Goal - demystifying the process of filling boards and commissions while making sure there is diverse representation.

Board requirements/ guidelines available in federal statutes and executive orders.

These boards are part of organizations that organize and perform duties and exercises for the public benefit.

There are various approving authorities with vacancies.

The board was able to successfully rectify an adverse fighting that has occurred during a previous audit in relation to the boards and commission appointments.

The governor is responsible for around 1600 appointments to over 100 different public bodies.

Software is being enhanced to pinpoint key vacancies in the administrative infrastructure across all public bodies. The governor is also responsible for several federal government appointments.

It is important to have the boards and commissions represent the diverse communities within Connecticut. There is still work that needs to be done.

There are open job postings in the Governor's website: [www.portal.ct.gov](http://www.portal.ct.gov)

### **III. Presentation by Sneha, Inc. re Domestic Violence within South Asian Communities (Veena Sridhar, SNEHA Board Member)**

They started as a support group 40 years ago and are still a fully volunteer-based organization.

Mission: to offer support to South Asian survivors of interpersonal violence in Connecticut and to promote and encourage dialogue around topics including generational shifts, immigration, and acculturation.

There is a helpline that can help with assisting people to reach different agencies that are culturally in tune with the client and their needs.

In 10 years, the Asian population has more than doubled in Connecticut.

The forms of abuse mostly used against this community are Literature, Isolation, Threats of jail/deportation, Withholding or money/food, Abandonment, Sexual, physical, mental abuse.

There are barriers that come with seeking services based on culture, language, myths, socioeconomic status, and legal services.

This program allows people support and services to facilitate their needs within communities and in the state of Connecticut.

They can be contacted at:

[www.sneha.org](http://www.sneha.org)

[sneha@sneha.org](mailto:sneha@sneha.org)

860-537-0795

### **IV. Report from Council Leadership/Subcommittee Reports**

- a. Office of Manufacturing has created a women's manufacturing council called Elevate Her that focuses on Networking, Experience, and Development (NED)
- b. Lt. Governor attended the "Stand Up for STEM" event and Jackson Labs to attend the American Manufacturing Hall of Fame where 22 women were recognized on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **V. Announcements**

- a. **Upcoming Events/Deadlines**

- i. June 4<sup>th</sup>-Governor's Computing Challenge
- ii. May 22<sup>nd</sup> –Social Determinance of Health Summit at Chrysalis Center in Hartford

**b. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- i. May 14<sup>th</sup>- Economic Opportunity and Workforce at 3pm
- ii. May 22<sup>nd</sup>- Education and STEAM at 3 pm
- iii. June 3<sup>rd</sup>- Health and Safety at 10 am
- iv. June 26<sup>th</sup>- Leadership Subcommittee at 3 pm
- v. July 9<sup>th</sup>- Full Council meeting at 3 pm in LOB (Hybrid and In-person)

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Lt. Governor adjourned the meeting at 4:03 pm.