

Governance Committee

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Statement of Purpose: The SEC Governance Committee shall be responsible for reviewing the governance structures and statutory responsibilities of the Social Equity Council, drafting its mission and **vision**, and governing documents, including its policies, procedures, regulations and bylaws

The Governance Committee will report its recommendations to the full Council.

Mission and Responsibilities of the Social Equity Council

The mission of SEC is to promote and encourage full participation in the cannabis industry by people disproportionately harmed by cannabis prohibition and enforcement, and to support broad-based economic development in those communities. SEC is led by an Executive Director and is overseen by a council comprising appointees by the legislature, Governor, and other elected officials. administrative purposes only within the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD).

SEC is responsible for overseeing the verification of social equity applicants, as defined in law, creating new programs to support both cannabis businesses and businesses in other industries, and managing the more general community investments derived from cannabis tax revenue. SEC will work closely with multiple Connecticut agencies, including DECD and DCP, to carry out its duties.

Tasks for the Governance Committee

1. Develop and implement a plan for continually educating the council committees, and members, and continually strengthening the bonds among such individuals to encourage independent expression of ideas and collaborative decision-making
2. Develop the agenda for the annual Council Retreat
3. Periodically review the defined and adopted mission and vision statements of the council and whether they are consistent with PA 21-1 - SB 1201 AN ACT CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE AND EQUITABLE REGULATION OF ADULT-USE CANNABIS
4. Periodically review the governing documents of the council and whether they are consistent with applicable laws and actual or desired Council practices; amend such governing documents, as necessary
5. Develop and review other governance policies to guide effective oversight and thoughtful planning
6. Review the performance of the council and committees, including the effectiveness of meetings, and make recommendations, as appropriate
7. Review the performance of, and any perceived or actual conflicts involving, individual council members
8. Recommend the request for resignation or removal of a Council members, as appropriate
9. Conduct performance review of the Executive Director