

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | Governance Committee Minutes

May 25, 2022
Meeting of the Governance Committee

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

Committee Chair: Ojala Naeem

Members Present: Avery Gaddis, Michael Jefferson, Kyle Abercombie (for David Lehman)

Members Absent: Andrea Comer

Staff: Ginne-Rae Clay (SEC), Komla Matrievi (SEC), Kristina Diamond (SEC), Jennifer L. Edwards (SEC), Crystal Morris-Crenshaw (SEC)

Call to order Chairwoman Naeem called the meeting to order at 1:02pm

Chairwoman Naeem asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.

Motion made by Michael Jefferson

Seconded by Avery Gaddis

All in favor – All

Chairwoman Naeem opened discussion on the draft SEC bylaws with other committee members as she would like to bring the bylaws to the full council. Councilmember Jefferson asked for clarification regarding presenting the bylaws to the full council. If so, Councilmember Jefferson stated he will need more time for review and comment.

Chairwoman Naeem asked if there was a deadline for the bylaws to be adopted by the Council.

Attorney Matrievi stated there is no deadline for the Council to approve the bylaws.

Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Naeem asked committee members to review and hold the bylaws until the next committee meeting. She requested all committee members review and send questions/comments to her and Director Clay's attention and cc Attorney Matrievi by June 10th.

Chairwoman Naeem moved to the next item on the agenda the DCP/SEC MOU. Director Clay asked Attorney Matrievi to discuss the DCP/SEC MOU with committee members. Attorney Matrievi informed the committee the MOU was a collaborative effort. Multiple agencies and legal personnel worked on the agreement to address legal concerns in the event of legal recourse against the DCP or SEC.

Discussion Ensued.

Chairwoman Naeem asked for a motion to recommend moving the MOU to the full Council.

Motion Made by Kyle Abercrombie
Seconded by Michael Jefferson
All in favor – All

Chairwoman Naeem started the discussion on the SEC retreat. She asked Director Clay to provide additional information regarding the retreat. She also discussed a draft agenda for the retreat.

Discussion ensued.

Chairwoman Naeem ask for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Michael Jefferson
Seconded by Avery Gaddis
All in favor – All

Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm