

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | Committee Minutes **(Draft)**

July 21, 2022  
Meeting of the Policy Committee

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

Committee Chair: Edwin Shirley

**Members Present:** Michael Jefferson, Ojala Neem, Edwin Shirley

**Members Absent:** Subira Gordon, Kevin Walton

**Staff:** Ginne-Rae Clay (SEC), Komla Matrevi (SEC), Kristina Diamond (SEC), Andrea Comer (Guest), Patrick Hulin (Guest)

Call to Order Chairman Shirley called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to approve the May 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Michael Jefferson

Seconded by Ojala Naeem

All in favor – All

Motion passed. Minutes approved.

The Committee proceeded to discuss the community reinvestment item on the agenda. Executive Director Clay indicates that staff will start drafting a community reinvestment plan for the council to consider however all members should provide their thoughts on this subject. Discussion ensued.

After this discussion, the committee proceeded to discuss the next item on the agenda which is the proposed legislative recommendations. Kristina Diamond explained that she emailed the members of the Council regarding potential legislative recommendations. Councilmember Jefferson has suggested that SEC should consider reviewing some of the proposals that were previously included in the legislative package submitted during the previous session and were not acted upon by the legislature. Discussion ensued.

Executive Director Clay has expressed her concerns that the towns and cities identified as a DIA have issued moratoriums or prohibitions on cannabis. Discussion ensued. Andrea Comer emphasized that residents should not be punished for the decisions of their towns. Michael Jefferson has suggested the idea of sliding scale for community reinvestment purposes to solve this problem. The example of how New York deals with this issue was provided by Director Clay.

The meeting ended by Councilmember Jefferson congratulating the SEC, the staff, and the third-party reviewer for an amazing job. All members agreed.

Chairman Shirley called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Michael Jefferson

Seconded by Ojala Naeem

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.