

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

May 25, 2022  
Meeting of the Policy Committee

Location: Microsoft TEAMS

Committee Chair: Edwin Shirley

**Members Present:** Michael Jefferson, Ed Shirley and Kevin Walton, Kyle Ambercrombie  
Subira Gordon (late arrival)

**Members Absent:** Ojala Naeem

**Staff:** Ginne-Rae Clay (SEC), Komla Matrevi (SEC), Kristina Diamond (SEC) Crystal Morris-Crenshaw (SEC)

Call to order Chairman Shirley called the meeting to order at 10:03pm

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

Motion made by Michael Jefferson

Seconded by Kevin Walton

All in favor – All

Opposed – None

Abstentions – None

Chairman Shirley requested an update on the Social Equity application review. Attorney Komla Matrevi briefed the committee on CohnReznick's process. Attorney Matrevi reported CohnReznick has started its review of the applications and he had the opportunity to see how the review of the applications is being conducted. While seeing the review of the application process, Attorney Matrevi reported applicants are meeting the residency criteria. He also reported there were very few issues regarding the income portion of the application and the applicants submitted proper paperwork for the income portion of the application. Attorney Matrevi addressed the problems around Ownership and Control section. For example, the application may not have the proper backer information required; The applicant may not have the voting ability to direct the policy of the company; The applicant may not have a significant role in the proposed cannabis business. Attorney Matrevi stated if the application is denied the Ownership and Control section should be reviewed.

Discussion ensued.

Director Clay gave a point of clarification regarding the report from CohnReznick. The sampling of the applications reviewed have been of the 149 DIA, and since the lottery applications have not been reviewed at this time, we won't know what some of the issues may be and how it will relate to the Social Equity Lottery. Regarding the Retail Lottery, the first six applications were

sent to CohnReznick for review between Friday and Monday. Currently, we are waiting for the review.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Shirley moved to the next item on the agenda regarding the Council Review & approval of SEA Determination Report. Attorney Matrevi reviewed three options for the Committee. Chairman Shirley clarified the options shown by Attorney Matrevi are to be reviewed by the committee and are they to show all three options to the full council or just one option. Attorney Matrevi confirmed, the council will review all three options and present one option to the full council.

Attorney Matrevi reviewed all options with the Policy Committee.

Director Clay made the committee aware of procedures regarding the application process. The letters of notification will go out through the DCP portal. The reasoning for the letters of notification going through the DCP portal is those that do not meet the criteria have five days to reply to the general lottery. A note will be made that the applicant has been noticed and indicate they will be checking and receiving a notice through the e-license portal and when the five days will begin to reply to the general lottery.

On the special meetings, council members will need to present for a quorum.

Discussion ensued.

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to approve the presentation of option three to the full council for the June 7<sup>th</sup> full council meeting.

Motion made by Kevin Walton

Seconded by Subira Gordon

All in favor - All

Opposed - None

Abstentions – None

Chairman Shirley ask for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Kevin Walton

Seconded by Subira Gordon

All in favor – All

Opposed – None

Meeting adjourned at 11:08am