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SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | **Reinvestment / Workforce Development Committee** **(Draft)**

**Meeting Date: September 20, 2023, at 2PM**

**Meeting of the Reinvestment/Workforce Development Committee - Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS**

1. Call to Order at 2:01 PM

SEC Chairman Paul O. Robertson called the meeting to order and took roll call.

**Members Present**: Corey Betts, Andrea Comer, Avery Gaddis, Andrea Hawkins, Michael Jefferson, Ojala Naeem, Kellie-Marie Vallieres, Subira Gordon

**Absent:** Kevin Walton

**SEC Staff:** Executive Director Ginne-Rae Clay, Program Manager, Jennifer Edwards, Kristina Diamond, Legislative & Communication Program Manager, Komla Matrevi, Staff Attorney, SEC, Karen Colebut, Paralegal Specialist, SEC

2. Approval of the August 16, 2023 Minutes

In favor - All

Opposed - None

Abstention - None

The vote carried – The draft meeting minutes were approved.

3. Introduction of Reinvestment Program Manager – Executive Director Clay introduced Vera Lembrick as the newly hired Reinvestment Program Manager and Arlene Galindo-Jimenez, as the new Outreach Program Manager.

4. Hiring Update: OWS Workforce Development Program Manager

Executive Director Clay stated that an offer of employment has been extended to a finalist for the Workforce Development Program Manager. That person will be the liaison for the committee.

5. Reinvestment /Workforce Updates – Chairwoman Ojala Naeem requested an update on the following points:

* Clarity on funds – which accounts the funds are in and what the funds permitted usages.
* Timeline for the completion of the Community Conversations and results
* Reinvestment strategies and opportunities for 2024

Executive Director Clay shared the following points on the status of the SEC Reinvestment funds:

* Communicated with OPM regarding the Reinvestment Funds.
* Response from OPM- when plan is received, OPM will work to ensure the funds are available to the SEC to draw down as needed.
* Pursuant to §88 of Public Act 23-204 any unexpended funds in the Social Equity Innovation account will be transferred to the Social Equity Innovation Fund.
* The Fund will not be available for reinvestment programs until July 1, 2024.

Discussion Ensued.

6. For the Good of the Order

7. Adjournment

Motion: Michael Jefferson

Second: Corey Betts

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Adjournment at 3:05 PM