

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | POLICY GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING- **DRAFT**
MAY 23, 2024 Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

1) Call to Order

Edwin Shirley called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2) Attendance

Kyle Abercrombie
Avery Gaddis
Michael Jefferson
Ojala Naeem - Absent
Edwin Shirley
Shirley Skyers-Thomas

Staff: Ginne-Rae Clay, Executive Director, Karen Colebut, Paralegal Specialist

3) Approval of the March 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Edwin Shirley requested a motion for the approval of the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes.

Motion – by Shirley Skyers-Thomas
Second – by Michael Jefferson
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – Kyle Abercrombie
Motion passed unanimously.

4) Review Bylaws

Edwin Shirley introduced the review of the bylaws, referencing a prior suggestion from Councilman Kyle Abercrombie to review and update the bylaws to reflect recent legislative changes affecting Council membership and reporting requirements.

Kyle Abercrombie highlighted the necessity to incorporate legislative changes into the bylaws and proposed circulating a draft for review before the next Policy and Governance meeting.

Ginne-Rae Clay confirmed plans to draft revised bylaws with Kristina Diamond and circulate them, mentioning the possibility of a joint meeting with the Personnel Committee on June 20th to review the draft.

Michael Jefferson expressed concerns about unilateral decisions affecting the Council's mission and operations. He emphasized the need for Council approval on significant changes and suggested establishing a process for Council input before legislative changes are made.

Kyle Abercrombie agreed with Jefferson's points and was open to extending the timeframe for updating the bylaws to ensure accuracy and compliance with the law.

Andrea Comer clarified that the adoption of the bylaws must be completed by July 1st as per statute, requiring a special meeting for the full Council to vote.

Avery Gaddis offered to assist with the bylaw changes, acknowledging the legislative changes and the need for vigilance.

Shirley Skyers- Thomas noted the establishment of a legislative arm within the Council, which could help incorporate future changes and ensure Council input.

The committee agreed to circulate a draft of the revised bylaws by June 7th, with a joint meeting scheduled for June 20th to review the draft. This joint meeting will allow the Policy and Governance Committee and the Personnel Committee to finalize the recommendations for the full Council's approval before the July 1st deadline.

Key points:

- Legislative changes require updates to the bylaws.
- A draft of the revised bylaws will be circulated by June 7th.
- A joint meeting on June 20th will review the draft and make final recommendations.
- The full Council must vote on the updated bylaws by July 1st, necessitating a special meeting before that date.

5) For the Good of the Order

No further matters were raised for discussion.

6) Adjourn

Edwin Shirley called a motion to adjourn.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis
Second – by Kyle Abercrombie
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – None
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.



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Date: May 23, 2024

RE: Minutes: May SEC Policy/Governance Committee Minutes (Draft)

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