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STATE OF CONNECTICUT | SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (DRAFT)

April 12, 2023, Meeting 1 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MATERIALS

- December Meeting Minutes
- April Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Ojala Naeem at 1:23 PM. Roll was taken.

Attendance:

Avery Gaddis  
Michael Jefferson  
Ojala Naeem  
Paul O. Robertson

Staff: Jennifer Edwards, Program Manager; Komla Matrievi, Staff Attorney; Kristina Diamond, Communications & Legislative Program Manager;

2. Approval of December 20, 2022, Meeting Minutes

Councilman Gaddis moved to approve the December 20, 2022, meeting minutes.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis  
Second – by Ojala Naeem  
In Favor – All  
Abstention – None

3. Review of the Attendance Policy

Chairwoman Naeem explained that at the end of last year's Legislative Session, language put was put into the attendance policy that said if members miss either three consecutive meetings or 50% of meetings within a calendar year, they are deemed to have resigned from the Council. Because it does not specify if those meetings are all meetings and include special meetings and committee meetings, there is concern that multiple meetings happen in a week and someone on vacation for a week could miss several meetings and be deemed as resigned. She recommended that Attorney Matrievi and Kristina Diamond figure out if there is a way to amend the language to specify regularly scheduled council meetings and not include special meetings or committee meetings. Discussion ensued.

#### 4. Committee Restructure

Chairwoman Naeem proposed restructuring the Social Equity Council committees because there are a lot of committees and not many active members of the Council participating. Her recommendation was to keep the Finance and Outreach Committees as they are; combine the Policy and Governance Committees, with Council Member Shirley as the chair; and combine the Outreach and Workforce Development Committees with Chairwoman Naeem as the chair. This would lessen the number of meetings for Social Equity Council activities.

Councilman Gaddis moved to present this recommendation to the full council for consideration.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis  
Second – by Paul O. Robertson  
In Favor – All  
Abstention – None

#### 5. Fiscal Year '24 Goals Discussion

Executive Director Clay was unable to attend due to illness, and this item was postponed.

#### 6. For the Good of the Order

Councilman Gaddis thanked Chairwoman Naeem, Council Members Robertson and Jefferson, and Attorney Matrevi for their leadership.

#### 7. Adjournment

Chairwoman Comer requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis  
Second – by Michael Jefferson

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 PM.

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