



POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING (DRAFT)

March 16, 2023, Meeting 10 A.M.

Virtual Meeting via Teams

MINUTES

1. Call to order.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Shirley at 10:25 a.m.

2. Attendance

Subira Gordon
Michael Jefferson
Edwin Shirley

Council members absent: Ojala Naeem

Staff: Executive Director Ginne-Rae Clay, Attorney Komla Matrievi, Program Manager Jennifer Edwards, Associate Accountant Jennifer Stevens, and Legislative and Communication Manager Kristina Diamond.

3. Review of February Minutes.

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson
Second – by Subira Gordon
All in favor – Shirley, Jefferson
Abstain – Subira Gordon
Oppose – None.

4. Discussion on Micro-cultivator program

Attorney Komla Matrievi presented the micro cultivator program provided under section 21a-420d(1) of the general statutes. He shared a draft presentation with the members of the policy committee. He clarified that the program allowed the Council to review the next two micro-cultivator social equity applications randomly generated by the last micro-cultivator lottery process and provide them with the assistance needed to stand their businesses.

A discussion ensued.

5. Discussion on Change of Ownership Form

Attorney Matrievi stated that the office has created an application form named “Notice of



Proposed Changes to Social Equity Licensee” pursuant to Sec. 21a-420h-3(a) of the general statutes to enable social equity licensees to request the change of ownership to an existing social equity cannabis business. He also stated that this form may be used by a DIA cultivator seeking to change its location from one disproportionately impacted area (DIA) to another. Attorney Matrevi further explains that once completed, the representative of the social equity licensee should submit the form to SEC@ct.gov, and labeled Notice of Proposed Change in the subject line. The Office of the SEC will review the form and determine whether the proposed change falls under the scope of the SEC’s policy and procedure concerning the sale or transfer of ownership or control of a social equity licensee. If the proposed change falls under this scope, SEC will create a secure folder to receive the required documentation and will provide document submission instructions to the representatives of the social equity licensee. Upon receipt of all required documentation, Cohnreznick will review the documents to ensure that it meets the criteria established by the Council and issue its recommendation. The Council will meet to vote on the Cohnreznick’ recommendation at a public meeting. The Social Equity Council may either approve or deny the proposed change within ninety (90) days after the receipt of this notice. After the vote, SEC will notify the social equity licensee and the Department of Consumer Protection of the approval or denial of the proposed change by electronic correspondence.

A discussion ensued.

6. Recommendation.

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to recommend *the launching of the micro cultivator program* and the *notice of proposed changes to social equity licensee form* presented by the staff to the Council with all necessary adjustments that the staff could make to the documents before the next Council meeting.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson

Second – by Subira Gordon

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion passed.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Shirley asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson

Second – by Subira Gordon

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

These minutes are draft until voted by the committee at its next meeting.

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