**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**

**SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL** | **Policy/Governance Committee (Draft)**

Meeting Date: September 21, 2023

Meeting of the Policy/Governance Committee - Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

1. **Call to Order** 10:01 AM

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

**2. Attendance**

**Members Present**: Julianne Avallone, Avery Gaddis, Paul. O. Robertson, Edwin Shirley

**Absent:**  Ojala Naeem, Michael Jefferson

**SEC Staff:** Kristina Diamond, Legislative & Communication Program Manager, Jennifer Edwards, SEC Program Manager; Komla Matrevi, Staff Attorney, SEC, Karen Colebut, Paralegal Specialist, SEC

**3. Discussion on Legislative Recommendations – 2024 Legislative Concepts**

Chairperson Edwin Shirley asked SEC legislative and communication manager Kristina Diamond to present the 2024 legislative recommendations that were previously emailed to Councilmembers prior to the meeting. Kristina Diamond made a presentation on the legislative recommendations and explained that after reviewing the recommendations, staff will forward it to the Office of the Governor and the Office of Policy and Management for further review before the full Council gets to vote.

The members of the Committee had a brief discussion on the proposed concept to allow struggling approved cultivators to convert to a micro cultivator. SEC has not proposed any specific conversation fee and didn’t make any provision to allow the converted micro cultivators to create any equity joint ventures. Councilmember Juliane Avallone informed that she will abstain from voting on the final SEC legislative recommendations due to her involvement at the Department of Consumer Protection.

The Committee was not required to vote on any item.

4. **For the Good of the Order – New Business:**

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

5. **Adjournment** at 10:08AM.