**MINUTES OF THE SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL (DRAFT)**

SPECIAL MEETING

October 3, 2022, Meeting 1:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andréa Comer at 1:02 p.m.

**Council Members Present:**

Kyle Abercrombie (Designee DECD Commissioner David Lehman)

Marilyn Alverio

Corrie Betts

Andréa Comer

Avery Gaddis

Subira Gordon

Michael Jefferson

Marc Pelka (Designee OPM Secretary Jeffrey Beckham)

Christine Shaw (Designee for State Treasurer Shawn Wooden)

Kelli-Marie Vallieres

Kevin Walton

**Council Members Absent:**

Ojala Naeem

Edwin Shirley

**SEC Staff**: Jennifer Stevens, Associate Accountant, Kristina Diamond, Communications & Legislative Program Manager, Komla Matrevi, Staff Attorney, Jennifer Edwards, State Project Manager, Crystal Morris-Crenshaw, Administrative Assistant.

Chairwoman Comer welcomed Deputy Commissioner Paul O. Robertson to the council meeting.

Chairwoman Comer stated this council meeting was to revisit the proposed budget that was presented to the council by Director Clay at the September 26, 2022, meeting of the Council. Chairwoman Comer asked Council Member Shaw to present the budget information to the council.

Council Member Shaw reiterated that 24/25 biennium budget was presented to the council at the September 26, 2022, council meeting. Questions were raised by council members regarding specific items in the budget and the allocation of funding for workforce development and community reinvestment. Since that council meeting, the committee chairs met with staff to discuss the budget and items within the budget. Council Member Shaw stated the council members received a copy of the latest revised budget. Council Member Shaw

highlighted the areas that were discussed during the meeting of the committee chairs and staff. She also discussed the budget process for submitting the budget ending with the signing of the budget.

There was consolidation of workforce development and community reinvestment line items. There were some adjustments made regarding staffing to the SEC staff.

Council Member Jefferson asked if there were council members that had questions regarding the budget that they be able raise their questions as this time.

Council Member Shaw ask Council Member Jefferson if he would like to make a motion.

Council Member Jefferson made a motion to endorse the proposed budget with the flexibility for the council to make adjustments as necessary when reviewing the budget during the 8-month process.

Second – by Kyle Abercrombie

Discussion ensued.

All in favor – All

Opposed – None

Abstention – Council Member Pelka

Motion passed.

Council Member Shaw requested the date of the next council meeting. Chairwoman Comer stated a doodle poll was sent out and based on the responses the council meeting will take place either October 17th or October 18th. Director Clay and Crystal will finalize the date.

Motion to adjourn

Made – by Michael Jefferson

Second- by Kyle Abercrombie

Meeting adjourned at 1:18pm.