

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | REGULAR MEETING - **DRAFT**
AUGUST 6, 2024 Meeting 10:00 A.M.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1) Call to Order and Welcome

Andrea Comer commenced the Social Equity Council's regular meeting at 10:01 a.m. by welcoming Council colleagues, Social Equity Council staff, state agency and legislative representatives, and members of the public. Andrea announced the appointment of a new Council member, Fanita Borges, who was appointed by the governor, though she was not present at the time. She officially called the meeting to order and proceeded to take the roll.

2) Attendance

Kyle Abercrombie
Corrie Betts
Avery Gaddis
Subira Gordon
Andréa Hawkins
Michael Jefferson
Daniel Karpowitz
Melvin Medina
Ojala Naeem
Edwin Shirley
Shirley Skyers-Thomas
Kelli-Marie Vallieres
Kevin Walton

3) Approval of July 2, 2024 SEC meeting minutes

The approval of the July 2, 2024, SEC meeting minutes was brought up as the first agenda item by Andrea Comer.

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

4) Executive Session

a) Discussion on Pending Litigation and Personnel Matter

The Council moved to enter an executive session to discuss pending litigation and a personnel matter.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson
Second – by Edwin Shirley
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – None
Motion passed unanimously.

Andrea instructed the participants to leave the Zoom meeting and join the executive session via a separate Teams link, and she thanked the public for their patience during this transition.

- 5) An additional agenda item was introduced. Andrea Comer requested a motion to add this item to the agenda.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis
Second – by Melvin Medina
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – None
Motion passed unanimously.

The added agenda item involved the approval of Brandon L. McGee Jr. as the new Executive Director of the Social Equity Council.

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

Andrea Comer confirmed that Brandon L. McGee Jr. would start his role on August 30th, and she expressed gratitude to the outgoing Director, Clay, whose last day was July 31st. Andrea praised Director Clay for her commitment and efforts in establishing the Council and promoting equity in a challenging industry.

- 6) Vote on Equity Joint Venture Application Recommendation.
- a. Approval
- i) ACRE.0015689 – Green Acres CT One, LLC

Andrea Comer initiated the process by requesting a motion to approve the first application, ACRE.0015689, for Green Acres CT One, LLC.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson
Second – by Melvin Medina
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – None
Motion passed unanimously.

ii) AMHF.0008285 – Nightjar 1, LLC

Andrea Comer called for a motion to approve the second application, AMHF.0008285, for Nightjar 1, LLC.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson
Second – by Andrea Hawkins
In Favor – All
Opposed – None
Abstentions – None
Motion passed unanimously.

7) Committee Reports and Recommendations.

. Policy/Governance Committee

Edwin Shirley reported that the Policy and Governance Committee did not meet in July due to a special session held two weeks earlier, which replaced their regular meeting.

. Reinvestment/Workforce Committee

Andrea Comer inquired about the report for the Reinvestment and Workforce Committee, but Kelli-Marie Vallieres clarified that it was not her responsibility. Kyle Abercrombie noted that Ojala Naeem, who typically handles this report, had stepped away temporarily, so no report was provided.

. Finance Committee

Avery Gaddis reported that there was nothing substantial or notable to share from the Finance Committee.

. Outreach Committee

Andrea Comer noted that Councilwoman Gordon, who usually reports for the Outreach Committee, was not present, so no report was given.

. Personnel Committee

Michael Jefferson, representing the Personnel Committee, mentioned that he had no updates at the moment but expressed a desire to discuss Personnel matters further with Andrea Comer and the newly appointed Executive Director, Brandon L. McGee Jr.

. Strategic Planning Committee

Daniel Karpowitz provided an update for the Strategic Planning Committee, noting that they had met and welcomed their new colleague, Councilman Walton. The committee discussed additional thoughts regarding the Strategic Planning contracting process and emphasized their satisfaction with the current pace, ensuring that the new Executive Director would be fully engaged. Andrea Hawkins agreed with Daniel's synopsis and had nothing further to add.

8) Good of the Order

None.

9) Adjourn

Avery Gaddis called a motion to adjourn.

Motion – by Avery Gaddis

Second – by Andrea Hawkins

In Favor – All

Opposed – None

Abstentions – None

Motion passed unanimously.



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Date: August 6, 2024

RE: Minutes: August SEC Council Meeting Minutes Minutes (Draft)

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