

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | REINVESTMENT/WORKFORCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING -

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June 18, 2024 Meeting 2:00 P.M. -3:00 P.M.
Virtual Meeting via Microsoft TEAMS

1) Call to Order and Welcome

Committee Chairwoman Naeem called the meeting to order at 2:03 P.M.

2) Attendance

Kyle Abercrombie
Corrie Betts - Absent
Andrea Comer - Absent
Avery Gaddis
Subira Gordon
Andrea Hawkins
Michael Jefferson
Ojala Naeem
Shirley Skyers-Thomas
Kelli-Marie Vallieres
Kevin Walton - Absent

Staff: Ginne-Rae Clay, Director, Vera Lembrick, Program Manager for Reinvestment, Kristina Diamond.

3) Approval of the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes

Committee Chairwoman Naeem requested a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024 meeting.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson
Second – by Avery Gaddis
In Favor – All
Abstention – Kyle Abercrombie
Motion passed.

4) Reinvestment plan update

Director Clay mentioned that there was currently no update on the reinvestment plan as it was on pause and under review by the comptroller's office. She noted that future discussions might involve stakeholders such as members of the Black and Puerto Rican caucus.

Ojala Naeem then sought clarification on the strategic planning timeline, which Director Clay addressed by stating that they were reviewing strategic plan proposals. Kristina Diamond, who drafted the scope, was asked to provide more details. Michael Jefferson questioned the relevance of the strategic plan to reinvestment, emphasizing that the committee should focus solely on reinvestment topics.

Kristina Diamond clarified that the strategic plan was not specifically aligned with reinvestment but would include related information. She offered to share the scope of work with the committee. Ojala Naeem and Kyle Abercrombie agreed on the importance of integrating reinvestment into the strategic plan. Andrea Hawkins emphasized the need for a comprehensive strategic plan encompassing all SEC aspects and highlighted the lack of direction within the council.

Michael Jefferson expressed concerns about discussing reinvestment before the availability of funds in July 2025, cautioning against holding meetings without substantial topics. Ojala Naeem stressed the importance of aligning strategic planning with reinvestment and workforce efforts, ensuring the committee's engagement in the process. She reiterated the need for actionable steps over the next year to establish a robust plan and address the council's priorities effectively.

Andrea Hawkins echoed the need for clear processes for determining reinvestment priorities and partnerships with other organizations, underlining the opportunity to create repeatable and transparent procedures. Avery Gaddis sought clarification on the agenda topic, and Ojala Naeem recapped the discussion for him, emphasizing the committee's role in the strategic planning process.

The meeting concluded with Ojala Naeem summarizing the next steps: sharing the scope of work, understanding the timeline, and ensuring the committee's involvement in strategic planning discussions. Director Clay was tasked with providing updates on any additional meetings or information from other parties.

5) For the Good of the Order

None.

6) Adjourn

Ojala Naeem concluded the meeting, entertaining a motion to adjourn.

Motion - Kyle Abercrombie
Second - Michael Jefferson

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 P.M.



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Date: June 18, 2024

RE: Minutes: June SEC Reinvestment/Workforce Committee Minutes (Draft)

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