



Minutes of the Meeting of the Virtual Cook County Small Business and Supplier Diversity Commission Meeting held Friday, September 17, 2021 at the hour of 11:00a.m. This meeting was a virtual zoom meeting streamed live on Commissioner Dennis Deer's facebook page.

I. Attendance/Call to Order

Chairman Deer called the meeting to order

Present: Chair Dennis Deer, Zollie Carradine, Nicole Hayes, Commissioner Stanley Moore, Commissioner Kevin Morrison, and Hedy Ratner and Mae Whiteside (7)

Absent: Jamie Di Paulo, Cornelius Griggs, and Karen Riley (3)

II. Public Speaker Testimony

There were no public speakers at this meeting.

III. Discussion regarding Re-Appointment to the Cook County Small Business and Supplier Diversity Commission

Chairman Deer met with the President's office regarding re-appointment of Cook County Small Business and Supplier Diversity Commission members. In addition, he met with Commission member Hedy Ratner who has made several recommendations of potential members who could be appointed to the Commission. Chairman Deer reiterated the appointments that are open are to be selected/appointed by the President's Office.

There were no action items that required a vote taken at this meeting.

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IV. Next Steps

Chairman Deer asked the Commission members what areas of interest they would like to focus on in the future.

Commission members agreed upon the following:

- 1. To expand opportunities as it relates to MBE/WBE participation in Cook County government. In addition also expand certification to MBE/WBE firms to do business with Cook County.**
- 2. Work with Cook County Health and Forest Preserve of Cook County to increase MBE/WBE participation within these government entities. Specifically, at CCH hold Group Purchasing Orders (GPO) more accountable and reduce the waivers that are being issued.**
- 3. Work with the Office of Contract Compliance to develop workshops regarding MBE/WBE completing Statements of Interest.**
- 4. Work with the Office of Contract Compliance to provide workshops on how MBE/WBE can build relationships with departments within Cook County government.**
- 5. How can Cook County governments develop incentives for firms who partner with new MBE/WBE business to work with on projects instead of choosing the same firms?**
- 6. Develop a Mentor/Protégé Program for MBE/WBE firms within Cook County Government.**

Commissioner Stanley Moore mentioned he introduced the Equity in Evaluation and Selection for Contract Negotiation Resolution which now allows for the Chief Procurement Officer to ensure there will be an African American, a Hispanic, and a Women to be included on the selection committee to determine all contracts as it relates to Cook County government.

Commission member Hedy Ratner moved to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Stanley Moore, all in favor of adjournment signal by saying aye, all oppose meeting adjourned.

Commissioner Dennis Deer, Zollie Carradine, Nicole Hayes, Commissioner Stanley Moore, Commissioner Kevin Morrison, and Hedy Ratner and Mae Whiteside (7) present

Jamie Di Paulo, Cornelius Griggs, Karen Riley (3) absent