



## **Cook County Small Business Supplier Diversity Commission Meeting Minutes**

May 13, 2022  
11:00 am

### **Meeting notice read by secretary**

No public speakers  
No written comments

### **Meeting called to order by Commissioner Stanley Moore**

Roll call by secretary

Attendees – Commissioner Angie Alonso, Nicole Hayes, Commissioner Stanley Moore, Commissioner Kevin Morrison, Hedy Ratner, Mae Whiteside and Robert Fox, Jr (new member)

Absentees: Commissioner Zollie Carradine, Commissioner Dennis Deer

### **Call for motion of leave**

Motion of Leave by Commissioner Robert Fox, Jr  
Seconded by Commissioner Hedy Ratner  
Motion carried

Commissioner Stanley Moore asked Robert Fox, Jr to introduce himself.

Robert Fox, Jr owns Rush Solutions a security and investigation agency that provides background investigations and security guard services for the City of Chicago, Chicago Public Schools, Cook County and several other small and large corporations. They have 24 hr security guard services as well as singular events. Rush Solutions also subs for major security companies based on their need to have MBE certified assistance. Rush Solutions is staffed by seasoned and polished security guard professionals and retired law enforcement personnel with experience in investigations.

Robert Fox, Jr was welcomed by all.

### **Call for motion to approve minutes from January 14, 2022 meeting**

Motion by Commissioner Hedy Ratner

Seconded by Commissioner Robert Fox, Jr

Approval by saying “aye” – all aye

Call for oppose – hearing none

Motion carried to approve minutes.

### **Call for Commissioner Mae Whiteside to discuss Small Business Networking Events**

- Planning a series small business network events to prepare for infrastructure build to increase minority vendor and supplier participation.
- Commission will sponsor evening “Fireside Chats” including participating cook county agencies and procurement officers.
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- **Call for Questions/Comments/Announcements**
  - Commissioner Robert Fox applauded great communication/relationship with procurement department.
  - Commissioner Whiteside-Williams responded by saying it was the goal of this commission to close the gap between invoice submission and payment. Delayed payments places strain on availability of services.
  - Commissioner Angie Alonso mentioned Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (IHCC) has events to support small businesses – social media postings, asked to send referrals of individuals and companies for assistance.
  - Commissioner Nicole Hayes announced her opening on May 27<sup>th</sup> and inquired about return to in-person meetings.
  - Commissioner Kevin Morrison – looking forward to Fireside Chats and networking
  - Commissioner Hedy Ratner – inquired about disparity study.
  - Commissioner Stanley Moore responded – study is ongoing and completion date will be sought.
- **Next meeting scheduled for Friday, July 8, 2022 at 11:00am**
- **Commissioner Moore called for motion to adjourn in light no other business**
  - Motion by Commissioner Hedy Ratner
  - Seconded by Commissioner Robert Fox, Jr
  - Approval by saying “aye” – all aye
  - Call for oppose – hearing none
  - Motion carried - meeting adjourned