

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,  
Females and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

**MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

100 W. Randolph  
Room 2-025  
Chicago, IL 60602

401 S. Spring St.  
Room 500 1/2  
Springfield, IL 62706

**Monday, July 22, 2013 - 1:30 P.M**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Florence Cox	Perry Nakachi	Beth Doria	Fred Coleman
Charisse Witherspoon	Hedy Ratner	Corinne Pierog	Richard Boykin
Nelida Smyser DeLeon	Jesse Martinez	Joan Archie	Rodney Lewis

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Marva Boyd	Alfred Ramirez	Samantha Hufnagel	Alesia Hawkins
Larry Ivory	Lynne Marie Turner	Omar Duque	

**COUNCIL CHAIR**

Malcolm Weems, Chairman

**COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Paul Cerpa, BEP Deputy Director

**CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Harry Reinhard	Kevin Connor	Leslie Taylor
Chima Enyia	Susan Hartman	Sharla Roberts
Elias Ricks Ngwayah II	Ellen Daley	Ngozi Okorafor
Michelle Jackson		

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Gustavo Giraldo	John Donato	Matthew Grady	Deanna Rossetto
Ben Bagby	Margaret van Dijk	Michelle Casey	

## **AGENDA**

July 22, 2013 - 1:30 p.m.

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Council Meeting held on May 28, 2013 and July 12, 2013.
- V. Chair's Report
- VI. Posted Business
  - Sheltered Market Summary Report
- VII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. Committee Updates
  - Procurement Committee
  - Business Development Committee
  - Capital Access and Banking Committee
  - Certification Committee
  - Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee
- IX. New Business
- X. Public/Vendor's Testimony
- XI. Adjournment

## **Welcome**

Chairman Malcolm Weems called the July Business Enterprise Program (BEP) Council meeting to order at 1:38PM on July 22, 2013.

## **Roll Call**

Council Secretary Paul Cerpa took the roll. The Council voted and approved the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on May 28, 2013, and the special Council meeting minutes held on July 12, 2013.

## **Chair's Report**

Chairman Weems announced that Public Act 098-0095 (Senate Bill 2320) was signed into law by Governor Quinn. This Act allows for dual certification by minority females. Now they will be allowed to be certified as a minority business and as a female business at the same time. Council Secretary Paul Cerpa noted that there was similar movement toward certified veterans that were also eligible for BEP certification. Council Member Jesse Martinez noted that such dual certifications could not be utilized to meet multiple goal categories. A copy of the Act is attached.

## **Posted Business**

Council Secretary Paul Cerpa announced that the Sheltered Market report has been submitted. Implementation, policy and procedures of the Sheltered Market Program will rest in the hands of the State's Chief Purchasing Officers. Chairman Weems noted that the process would be long and drawn out. He also stated that the Sheltered Market contracts would be monitored, and that outreach activities would be conducted. A copy of the report and supporting documentation is attached to the minutes.

## **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business

## **Committee Updates**

Procurement Committee – Chairlady Charisse Witherspoon noted that a letter from Chairman Weems to the participating agencies of the Forecasting Project has been drafted and presented to Chairman Weems for review.

Business Development Committee – No report.

Capital Access and Banking Committee – Chairman Fred Coleman told the Council that the subcommittee had met on July 17, 2013. Attached are the minutes from that meeting.

Certification Committee – No report.

Policy, Rules, and Enforcement Committee – Chairlady Beth Doria noted that the committee was engaged in the creation and continuation of a procedural review process.

## **New Business**

Chairman Weems wants to have agency heads to attend the Council meetings to keep BEP in the forefront. Council Member Beth Doria also mentioned that Council Committee chairs should go to Springfield and set up meetings with Legislators. The Department of Human Services will be the first agency to be invited to the BEP Council meeting. Discussion ensued as to various topics of discussion for the directors that will be invited. Various topics included waivers, trends, forecasting, and enhancing BEP activities.

Other discussions involved the university purchasing advisory council, unified certification, small businesses, and various outreach activities not only to veterans and service disabled veterans, but to all potential BEP vendors. Council Member Richard Boykin noted a \$66,500,000 contract for the Health Information Exchange and was curious as to the BEP goal that was established. Council Secretary Paul Cerpa stated that he thought there was a 15% goal on this contract but was going to look into it.

## **Public/Vendors' Testimony**

No testimony this month.

## **Adjournment**

The next Council Meeting will be held on August 26, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

NOTE: The following URL sites contain actual audio and video of the Council meeting. For specific and detailed information on any topics of the meeting, please visit one of the following listed sites.

<http://multimedia.illinois.gov/cms/bep-072213.asx>

<http://multimedia.illinois.gov/cms/bep-072213.wmv>

