

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

MONTHLY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

100 W. Randolph
Room 9-040
Chicago, IL 60602

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

Monday, September 22, 2014 – 1:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Beth Doria Jesse Martinez Larry Ivory Chimaobi Enyia Nelida Smyser DeLeon
Charisse Witherspoon Corinne Pierog Florence Cox Hedy Ratner Perry Nakachi
Denise Barretto Jaime Martinez

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Rodney Lewis Samantha Hufnagel Lynne Turner Fred Coleman Susan Shaw
Karen Eng Charles Lowder

COUNCIL CHAIR

Simone McNeil, Chairman

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Paul Cerpa, BEP Deputy Director

CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Carlos Gutierrez Elias Ngwayah Ellen Daley Harry Reinhard Vincent Bass
Susan Hartman Benjamin Jones Austin Baidas

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Philip Dalmage Vir Doshi Sharla Roberts Gustavo Giraldo John Cieslik
Victor Velazquez M. Batto W. William Art Moore Michelle Casey Ben Bagby
Deanna Rossetto

AGENDA

September 22, 2014

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

- I. Welcome
- II. Call to Order
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Minutes of Council Meetings held on June 23, 2014, July 28, 2014, & August 25, 2014.
- V. Chair's Report
- VI. Posted Business
- VII. Committee Updates
 - Procurement Committee
 - Business Development Committee
 - Capital Access and Banking Committee
 - Certification Committee
 - Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Public/Vendor's Testimony
- X. Adjournment
 - Next Council Mtg. – October 27, 2014

Welcome

Council Chair Simone McNeil welcomed the members present.

Call to Order

Council Chair Simone McNeil called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. and directed Council Secretary Paul Cerpa to conduct the roll. A quorum was obtained.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from August 25, 2014, July 28, 2014, and June 23, 2014 were approved by Council vote. Also approved was the Exemption Report introduced by the Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee at a previous Council meeting.

Chair's Report

Council Chair Simone McNeil introduced new Council members Denise Barretto and Jaime Martinez that were present.

Posted Business

There is no posted business.

Committee Updates:

Procurement Committee

Committee Chair Charisse Witherspoon noted that she wants to reenact the work of the Committee and will be requesting a letter from Council Chair Simone McNeil that establishes a forecasting scenario.

Business Development Committee

No report.

Capitol Access and Banking Committee

Council Member Corinne Pierog reported that the Committee had drafted and finalized a letter that will be sent to funders. The letterer is currently being vetted by the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

Certification Committee

Committee Chair Florence Cox noted that the Committee had rescinded a denial in their earlier meeting.

Council Member Larry Ivory commends and congratulates CMS on their efforts in certification and increases attendance at outreach events. There still needs to be some more work done on the Veterans program. Member Ivory wants a game plan to help facilitate more veteran businesses to become involved in the procurement process.

Council Member Jesse Martinez in his discussions with the Industry Council noted some misinformation that is being given to veteran vendor applicants. The issues were resolved. Member Jesse Martinez is seeking answers surrounding the 50% ownership, whereas a 51% ownership is required for BEP.

Member Jaime Martinez noted that there are some veteran business success stories out there, witnessed by the fact that they are assisting in the construction of the new Chicago veteran's home. Increased outreach efforts are required.

Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee

The Policy, Rules and Enforcement Committee will be meeting directly after the Council meeting to consider waiver requests.

New Business

No new business

Council Member Larry Ivory asked what was the status of the IDOC Commissary solicitation, and when was the solicitation going to be posted. Council Secretary Cerpa noted that a 20% goal is still applied to the solicitation and it would probably be published during the month of September.

Public/Vendor's Testimony

No vendor testimony

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 P.M.

Next Council Meeting will take place on Monday, October 27, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.

NOTE: The following URL site contains audio and video footage of this Council meeting. For specific and detailed information on any topics of the meeting, please access the following URL:

<http://multimedia.illinois.gov/cms/bep-092214.html>