



Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion

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NOTICE

Business Enterprise Council for Minorities, Females and Persons with Disabilities

APPROVED JAN 23 2024

CERTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Location: James R. Thompson Center 100 W. Randolph 14-300, Chicago, IL 60601;

Virtual: Webex Meeting

MINUTES

I. Call Meeting to Order

- Subcommittee Chair Brazil called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- In accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., the Commission provided telephonic and video access to the meeting so that members of the public can monitor the meeting and has updated its website to keep the public fully apprised of the Commission activities relating to virtual participation.

II. Roll Call of Subcommittee Members

- Roll call was conducted by BEP Secretary Jacob Perez.
- A quorum of the public body was present.
- Member Brazil made a motion to approve the remote participation of Members. Seconded by Member Delano. Motion carried by vote.

BEP Council				
ATTENDANCE ROSTER: COUNCIL MEMBERS				
Members	Present			Absent
	In person Chicago	In person Springfield	via WebEx	
Alan Brazil	x			
Bola Delano				x
Caronina Grimble	x			
Andrew Johnson	x			
Jesse Martinez	x			



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Agency Representatives

BEP Council				
ATTENDANCE ROSTER: Agency Representatives				
Agency	Representative	Present		
		In person - Chicago	In person - Springfield	via WebEx
Illinois Commission on Equity and Inclusion	Jacob Perez	x		
	Hilaree Butler			x
	Laron Hall	x		
	Angela Phillips	x		
	Nikita Richards			x
	Carlos Gutierrez	x		
	Andres Padua			x
	LaTasha Binder			x
	Robin Streets			x
	Tracey Kenney			x
Nina Harris			x	

- III. **Approval of Minutes dated: September 28, 2023 (Action Item)**
 - Member Martinez moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried by vote.
- IV. **Old Business – None**
- V. **New Business**
 - A. Appeals
 - 1. Best Foot Forward
 - a. The company owner was present and shared that they have corrected all of the issues that caused their certification to be denied.
 - b. Mr. Gutierrez confirmed that evidence has been submitted of corrections outside of the revised bylaws and bank signature card.
 - c. Member Martinez moved to approve the appeal and noted that the subcommittee would still like for the company to submit proof of the bylaws and bank signature card being updated. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed by vote.
 - 2. Budget Captioning LLC, DBA Classroom Captioning

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- a. Owner asked that hearing is rescheduled until the next subcommittee meeting due to a medical emergency.
3. Michaels' Catering, LLC
 - a. Company owner, Whitney Ackermann was present. Approval was denied due to funds being provided by the company owner to Ms. Karen to buy into the company. Ms. Karen has the ability to make decisions, do payroll, hire and fire, sign contracts, purchase real estate and company vehicles. Her name is included on all business licenses.
 - b. Member Martinez moved to sustain the denial due to the personal loan to Ms. Karen from company owners which makes it appear that Ms. Karen has no actual control since she owes the owners. He suggested that Ms. Karen borrows the left-over amount from a bank and provides proof of payment. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed by vote.
4. Precise Solutions, Inc
 - a. Sue Gorski was present and stated that the company had an emergency board meeting to remove William (non-minority male) from the Board of Directors and adding herself to the Board. Susan now owns 70% of the business and another female owns 15%.
 - b. Member Martinez moved to approve the appeal. Seconded by Member Johnson. Motion passed by vote.

VI. Public/Vendor Comment
 None.

VII. Adjournment

- A. Member Martinez moved to adjourn. Seconded by Member Grimble. Motion carried by vote.
- B. Subcommittee Chair Brazil adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.

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