

SOCIAL EQUITY COUNCIL | REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING (DRAFT)

April 26, 2023, Meeting 3 P.M.

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Recording is online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4SvMbe1qqsY>

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ojala Naeem at 3 p.m.

2. Attendance

Chair Naeem took attendance.

Present:

Andréa Comer  
Avery Gaddis  
Ojala Naeem  
Paul O. Robertson

Absent:

Corrie Betts  
Subira Gordon  
Michael Jefferson

Staff: Ginne-Rae Clay, Komla Matrevi

3. NOFA Response Review – Executive Session

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to go into executive session to review and discuss the responses to SEC's request for applications/proposals in connection with the Notice of Availability of Funding application for Community Reinvestment program.

Motion – by Andréa Comer  
Second – by Avery Gaddis  
In Favor – All  
Opposed - None  
Abstention – None

The Committee entered executive session.

Council Member Jefferson arrived and joined the executive session.

Chair Naeem called roll on returning from executive session.

Present:

Andréa Comer  
Avery Gaddis  
Michael Jefferson  
Ojala Naeem  
Paul O. Robertson  
Subira Gordon

Absent:

Corrie Betts

#### 4. Reinvestment Committee Recommendations

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to approve the \$1M for the United Way of Coastal Fairfield in the parameters of the application that they have submitted.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson  
Second – by Subira Gordon  
In favor – Subira Gordon, Avery Gaddis, Michael Jefferson, Ojala Naeem, Paul O. Robertson  
Opposed – None  
Abstention – Andréa Comer  
Motion passed.

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to approve the grant application by Prosperity Foundation for \$1M, focused on DIAs in New Haven.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson  
Second – by Avery Gaddis  
In favor – Avery Gaddis, Michael Jefferson, Ojala Naeem  
Opposed – None  
Abstention – Andréa Comer, Paul O. Robertson  
Motion passed.

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to approve the application by the United Way of Western Connecticut for \$1M.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson  
Second – by Avery Gaddis  
In favor – Avery Gaddis, Michael Jefferson, Ojala Naeem, Paul O. Robertson  
Opposed – None  
Abstention – Andréa Comer  
Motion passed.

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Chair Naeem asked for a motion to approve the application by the Neighborhood Housing Service of Waterbury for \$1M.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson  
Second – by Ojala Naeem  
In favor – Michael Jefferson, Ojala Naeem, Paul O. Robertson  
Opposed – None  
Abstention – Andréa Comer, Avery Gaddis, Subira Gordon  
Motion passed.

Chair Naeem stated that recommendations for approval would be made to the Council at the next Council meeting. She asked that Executive Director Ginne-Rae Clay be prepared for questions and discussion and for her to send information to the Council before the meeting.

5. For the Good of the Order – New Business, Updates, and Information

Chair Naeem spoke of the review of the final proposal for the appropriations of 2024 and 2025 reinvestment dollars. She requested the committee look at it and provide comments. A discussion ensued about edits and next steps. A new draft with recent comments will be sent to the committee.

6. Adjourn

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion – by Michael Jefferson  
Second – by Paul O. Robertson  
In favor – All  
Opposed – None  
Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 PM.

*Minutes are a draft until approved at a subsequent meeting.*