

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 grant application by the United Way of Coastal Fairfield for \$1M.

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

Chair Naeem asked for a motion to approve the grant application by Prosperity Foundation for \$1M.

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

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

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

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

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