



**Charlotte Business INclusion Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**  
**10:00 –11:30 a.m.**  
**Meeting Summary and Action Items**

**I. Attendance:** Vernetta Mitchell, Alex Bui, Sharon Walters, Kymberlyn (Kym) Gardner, Rebecca LaClaire, Valerie Del, Pacino Mancillas, Stephanie Moore Hand, Jason Deans, Rochelle Stewart, Joaquin Soria, Harrison Williams, Camisha Farris Absent: Gary Beal Staff: NaTasha Smith, Steven Coker, Sonia Bows, Nyema Mathis, and Venesia Draughn.

**II. Welcome:** Chairman Mitchell welcomed everyone and called for a motion to approve the March 08, 2023 meeting minutes. Stephanie Moore Hand made the motion and Pacino Mancillas seconded it; thereafter, Chairman Mitchell collected each committee member's vote to accept the meeting minutes.

Chairman Mitchell welcomed Camisha Farris, At-Large new representatives, to the committee. Camisha immediately proceeded to introduce herself providing the committee with a high-level background overview on herself.

**III. CBI Staff Update:** Steven Coker gave a brief update on the CBI Annual Report. Steven shared and explained the new Charlotte Business Inclusion Policy and Procedures revisions that was presented to City Council. Steven indicated that CBI has received proposals to review for a consultant to conduct the economic impact analysis which will determine the impact of CBI dollars in the community. Steven informed the committee that Michele Torres is the new Business Inclusion Manager.

**IV. New Business:** Each subcommittee discussed its goals and objectives.

- Measured Sustainability: Kym Gardner, gave an update about the Mentor Protégé Program
- Outreach & Engagement: There being no scheduled meeting, there were no updates
- Accountability: Sharon Walters, gave an update on the committee's goals and provided the new mission statement

Chairman Mitchell requested to invite the community to attend the May 10 2023 CBIAC meeting to inform them of CBIAC and introduce the committee and their roles. With there being no objections, Chairman Mitchell will work with NaTasha to compose an invitation to disseminate to the community.

Each committee gave updates about upcoming events and will provide CBI with speaking engagement opportunities and topics.

**V. Plans for Next Meeting:** May 10, 2023

**VI. Adjournment:** There being no additional business, Chairman Mitchell adjourned the meeting

**VII.** The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

April 12, 2023, CBIAC Meeting Summary and Action Items submitted by:

*NaTasha Smith 4/20/2023*