



Charlotte Business INCLUSION Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 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, Jason Deans, Joaquin Soria, Gary Beal, Camisha Farris, Rochelle Stewart, Stephanie Hand, Ciara Lilly Absent: Harrison Williams, Jerome Marez Staff: NaTasha Smith, Steven Coker, Sonia Bows, Thomas Powers, Michele Torres, and Kimberly Tibbs.

II. Welcome: Chairman Mitchell welcomed everyone and called for a motion to approve the June 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Kym Gardner made the motion and Sharon Walters seconded it; thereafter, Chairman Mitchell collected each committee member's vote to accept the meeting minutes.

Chairman Mitchell welcomed Ciara Lilly, Carolinas LGBT Chamber of Commerce new representative, to the committee. Ciara 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 Outreach Events surrounding the Charlotte Business Inclusion Policy and Procedure changes. Steven spoke about the new CBI staff positions that will be filled before the end of the year. Steven gave an update about the Bonding Program and the Bonding Program Kickoff event and invited the committee to attend. Steven told the committee that the 3rd revised copy of the CBI Annual Report should be ready in about 3 weeks. Steven indicated that the selected firm to conduct the economic impact analysis is currently under contract. Michele gave an update on all the CBI upcoming outreach events. Michele indicated that the new CBI Policy and Procedure manuals will be available on the CBI website after the City Manager approval.

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

- **Measured Sustainability:** Kym Gardner, gave an update about the Mentor Protégé Program
- **Outreach & Engagement:** Jason and Pacino gave an update on the outreach events planning and options on engaging the community
- **Accountability:** Sharon Walters, gave an update on the committee's goals, concerns on how to find contract opportunities, visibility, and CBI branding on the website.

Chairman Mitchell asked Thomas Powers to give a dialogue surrounding the impact of the Supreme Court decision to strike down Affirmative Action and how it will affect the MWSBE community. Thomas Power gave a general broad context of the Supreme Court opinions but will give an in-depth summary after his review of the full document.

V. Old Business: Chairman Mitchell updated the committee about the goals on the Housing Trust Fund. Steven informed the committee that the Housing Trust Fund awards will be reported and will be in B2G.

Chairman Mitchell reminded the committee to schedule an outreach event with their association or business to spread the word about the CBI program.

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

VI. Plans for Next Meeting: August 08, 2023

VII. Adjournment: There being no additional business, Chairman Mitchell called for a motion to adjourn. Stephanie Hand made the motion, and Alex Bui seconded it.

VIII. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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

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