

Governor's Supplier Diversity Council

October 14, 2015 Meeting

Minutes from October 14, 2015, Governor's Supplier Diversity Council Meeting

Video Conferenced Meeting in DEDO offices in both Wilmington and Dover

Attendees:

Present in Dover: Dean Stotler and Anas Ben Addi,

Present in Wilmington: Ken Anderson, Valerie Watson, Michelle Morin, and Givvel Marrero (arrived at 2:10pm).

Present on the phone (non-voting): Sakthi A. Vel PhD, Loren Hopkins Taylor of DuPont, Shirley Lerner, Brian Leahy, and Stephanie Young.

Absent: Cathy Imburgia, Clay Hammond, Nick Callazzo III, Ron Frazier Esq., Devona Williams PhD. Due to the extremely short meeting duration of 34 minutes, also absent as she was stuck in traffic was Theresa Brown Edwards Esq., who arrived at the building as the meeting ended.

Public Present in room in Wilmington: none.

Public Present in room in Dover: none

Public Present on the Phone: none

Meeting Opened:

Meeting Called to Order by Ken Anderson, GSDC Chair, at 2:02pm.

Quorum:

A quorum (currently requires 6 of 11 members) was not reached at any point during the meeting as 3 members were present at the start of the meeting, a fourth arrived at 2:10pm. A fifth was in-route but the meeting was a short one with no voting occurring and concluded prior to her arrival. The quorum would not have been reached had she arrived, as 6 voting members present are necessary.

Prior Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the September 18, 2015 meeting were not acted upon as this October 14 meeting did not reach a quorum.

October 14 Meeting Notes:

- At the start of the meeting the video conference and phone lost connection and required reconnection.

- Chair Ken Anderson greeted everyone and asked for comments on the September 18 minutes, even though Council could not vote to accept them as a quorum was not present. No comments were made.
- **Under Old Business**, Chair Ken Anderson provided an update on the 2015 GSDC Initiatives. There are 2 initiatives that passed next steps, of which 3 will be raised as recommendations to Governor Markell later this year.
 - The initiative that passed but is work for Council, not a recommendation to Governor Markell is:
 - Initiative 5 – *Explore feasibility of pursuing sustainability as it relates to the elements of Executive Order No. 44.*
 - That the Committee shall bring forward Bylaws for Council review and action.
 - The initiative passed with recommendations for Governor Markell is:
 - Initiative 4 – *Identify national supplier diversity trends not currently addressed in Delaware in which the GSDC may have to research and make policy recommendations, if and when requested, to the Governor's Office.*
 - **That Council recommends to Governor Markell that the State hold a Business Matchmaking Fair to support businesses, and that GSS be tasked with this activity.**
 - **That Council recommends to Governor Markell that OSD, on behalf of Governor Markell, submit a survey to all Delaware Chambers of Commerce to measure and report what their business members do with respect to diversity in their businesses.**
 - **That Council recommends to Governor Markell the consideration of adding the LGBT owned business constituency to the OSD certified community.**
 - Dean Stotler asked for clarification on the upcoming meeting with Governor Markell and the next Council meeting in advance of the meeting with the Governor. December 10th is the next Council meeting, it will be held in Dover and is scheduled from 10:30am to 12noon; the meeting with Governor Markell is anticipated on December 18th, time and location to be established. Chair Ken Anderson indicated he would see if video conference is available for the December 10th meeting, it was uncertain at this point in time.
 - Michelle Morin provide an update to Initiative 4's matchmaking recommendation in that OSD had just met with Department of State's Global Delaware leadership and their team is interested in participating in a matchmaking event in Delaware. Further, they suggested reaching out to the consulate in Canada to encourage cross boarder matchmaking as well. The Global Delaware team is able to make those connections. If Governor Markell accepts the recommendation then OSD will connect with Global Delaware.
- **Under New Business**, Chair Ken Anderson shared a conversation about the desire for new Council membership and term reviews.

- Ken shared that he received outreach from Clay Hammond sharing that he will request the appointment of Sarah Harrison for the Delmarva Black Chamber of Commerce (DBCC).
- This led to a conversation regarding the role of Council, the constituent parties represented by council members as identified in Executive Order 44, and that DBCC is not a named constituent and has no automatic claim to an appointment.
- Further conversation was held regarding the application process and one of the requirements for appointment is Delaware residency. Michelle Morin shared that Ms. Harrison recently told her that Sarah lives in Pennsylvania.
- Michelle Morin shared that Jayshree Moorthy, a Delaware resident and business owner, and active member within NMSDC has completed the application and would be representative of the same constituency that Clay Hammond was formerly representing.
- Michelle Morin reminded that an open seat is for a representative of a private sector company that administers a supplier diversity program. Previously this seat was held by Ron Tutundji of DuPont. Loren Hopkins Taylor of DuPont shared that she has been considering the value of Council to her role in Sourcing, Small Business and Supplier Diversity at DuPont and whether she added value to Council. She has determined that yes, she will complete the application. Excitement was expressed by those present at this announcement.
- An open seat also exists for the constituency of businesses owned by Individuals with DisAbilities. Michelle Morin shared that this is one of the hardest constituencies to find representation for across all of the Boards and Commissions and asked members and liaisons to consider recommending anyone who is an Individual with a Disability and is also a for-profit business owner and meets the requirements for appointment.
- Based upon all of the above Michelle Morin will share applications with Loren and Clay and copy Chair Ken Anderson for applications to be sent to the Governor's Boards and Commissions Application team for review and determination by the Governor's office.

Public Question / Comment:

- At 2:35pm Chair Ken Anderson opened the floor for public comment. There were not any members of the public in the meeting rooms. It is unknown if any members of the public were on the phone as none self-identified.

Next Meeting:

December 10, 2015, from 10:30am to 12noon at Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), Conference Room, Conference Room, 99 Kings Blvd, Dover, DE, 19901, Kent County.

Meeting Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned by Ken Anderson, GSDC Chair, at 2:36pm without motion as there was not a quorum present.