

OFFICE OF EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 17, 2021
Minutes

Members Present:

Scott Johnson, Chair
Javin Walker-Vice Chair
Denise Albritton
Juan Pagan
Seabron Smith
Jerry Steinberg
John Elliott
Lorna Anderson
Amy Angelo

Staff Present:

Tonya Davis Johnson, Director
David Behar, Assistant County Attorney
Dorianna Kristensen, Contract Analyst
Antonia Smith, Public Info. and Outreach Coordinator
Michelle Han, Administrative Secretary

Guests:

Clementine Fleuranvil

Members Virtual:

Aida Vidal-Napier
Robert Waite
Courtney McKenzie Newell
Lillian Reyes

Members Absent: Carole Hart, Doris Pastl

Vacant Seats: None.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chair, Scott Johnson.

A. Roll Call

Roll called by Michelle Han. Quorum present.

B. Adoption of Agenda for September 17, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Jerry Steinberg, seconded by Juan Pagan motion passed unanimously.

C. Adoption of Minutes for October 21, 2020 Virtual Meeting

Motion by Juan Pagan, seconded by Seabron Smith motion passed unanimously.

D. Introduction of Guests

Clementine Fleuranvil, Accounting of the Palm Beaches

II. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATE

Tonya Davis Johnson stated that the Advisory Committee is at full complement. There will be a discussion under new business regarding Seat 8, held by NAWIC and Lillian Reyes is currently the representative.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. OEBO Outreach Activity Report

Ms. Smith shared the Outreach Activity Report indicating the virtual workshops the office hosted from October to February. She noted the upcoming events and asked that the Committee share the information with their database.

Mr. Walker asked if it was more challenging to collaborate with municipalities or has it become easier? Ms. Smith admitted that it is challenging to partner with some municipalities.

Mr. Steinberg asked if other Committee organization's upcoming events could be added to the OEBO calendar and website? Ms. Smith stated she would be happy to include agency events on the OEBO calendar.

B. Small Business Certification Status Report

Dorianna Kristensen indicated that we have increased the certifications by six from last month for a total of 670.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ms. Davis Johnson asked Ms. Reyes to formally resign her seat and introduce Ms. Fleuranvil. Ms. Fleuranvil will replace Ms. Reyes after the nomination goes before the Board of County Commissioners on April 6, 2021. Ms. Davis Johnson and several members thanked Ms. Reyes for her participation on the Committee and wished her well.

V. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Several Advisory members thanked the office for the smooth process and quick turnaround time for recertification. Ms. Davis Johnson stated she would convey the message to staff.

Mr. Walker thanked the office for the certification report and the work that the office does in general for the community.

Ms. Davis Johnson reminded the members that they discussed reinstating the recertification subcommittee and a lengthy discussion took place and the Committee decided that the Office of Equal Business Opportunity is doing all efforts and a subcommittee is not required at this time.

An additional conversation took place regarding adjusting the gross receipt threshold and it was decided that the threshold remain as is.

VI. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Davis Johnson reminded the Committee voted to a revised meeting schedule and the next meeting will be on April 21, 2021 and noted that a physical quorum of eight members must be present to hold the meeting.

VII. COUNTY ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.