Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

Quarterly Public Commission Meeting
Indiana Government Center South, Conf. Rooms 4&5, 302 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46204
Monday, December 8, 2014 | 1:05 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jamal Smith called the meeting to order Monday, December 8, 2014 at 1:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Courtney Edmonds took roll call – those members present were:

Jamal Smith Chairman	Jessica Robertson Indiana Department of Administration Commissioner	Terrie Daniel Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Deputy Commissioner	Heather Kennedy Indiana Department of Transportation Representative
Erik Scheub Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship Representative	Jesse Moore Northern Representative	Frances Vega-Steele Northern Representative	David Olivencia Northern Representative
Jimmy Rayford	Sylvia Trotter	Remo Mezzetta	Marcia Duncan
Central Representative	Central Representative	Central Representative	Southern Representative
Lani Chuang	Jean Breaux	John Bartlett	
Southern Representative	Senate Representative	House Representative	

III. Establish quorum

Quorum was established for the meeting.

IV. Adoption of Past Minutes

Mr. Jesse Moore moved to adopt the September 8, 2014 meeting minutes, with an amendment to reflect Commissioner Olivencia's addition. Mr. Olivencia seconded the motion. The motion passed and the September 8, 2014 Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises meeting minutes were adopted.

V. Welcome Remarks and Chairman's Update

- A. Chairman Jamal Smith welcomed attendees and introduced Judge Allen to provide legal updates on appeals to the commission.
- B. Judge Allen provided legal updates regarding Platt Construction, the consolidated hearing of Mara B. Clark Consulting, Inc., Amy S. Johnson Consulting Corporation and Real Talk Consulting, Inc. and Indiana Minority Health Coalition.

VI. Deputy Commissioner's Report

Terrie Daniel welcomed Remo Mezzetta, the new Central Indiana commissioner of the Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises. Remo Mezzetta gave remarks and background information on himself and Mezzetta Construction.

Terrie Daniel discussed system issues that prevented providing updated MWBE participation numbers for the commission. Jessica Robertson provided detail regarding discrepancies in the numbers from the Pay Audit System. IDOA to send updated numbers once accuracy is confirmed to commissioners.

Terrie Daniel provided an update on the agency's 2015 strategic direction and goals.

Sameer Bawa and Allie Hausladen with BBC Research & Consulting provided an update on the 2015 Disparity Study to the commission.

Terrie Daniel presented 2014 fiscal year data on MWBE utilization from the State Educational Institutions. IDOA will follow up with an updated and final version of the report to reflect changes to the Ball State University report and Vincennes University.

Luther Taylor provided the Minority and Women's Business Enterprises certification overview. He presented a year-end update on MWBE certification and operations for 2014, including total number of certified M/W/VBE Indiana firms, incoming applications, recertifications, average days to certify and top reasons for denials. Commission asked for prior year comparison data moving forward with updated numbers on operations.

Courtney Edmonds provided an update on educational, training and outreach events for 2014. She also provided a tentative 2015 schedule of outreach events, including upcoming commission meeting. The commission discussed ways to potentially market commission meetings and increase attendance at quarterly meetings.

VII. INDOT DBE Program Update

Heather Kennedy presented the Indiana Department of Transportation DBE program update. She reported certification statistics, including number of certified firms, number of denials, average processing time for applications and number of applications received. The commission discussed wanting to see a report on state-funded INDOT projects and the MWBE participation. Heather also provided an update on federal DBE numbers and the Ohio Bridges project.

VIII. New Business

Chairman Smith welcomed Remo Mezzetta with Mezzetta Construction and Erik Scheub with the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship as new commission members.

IX. Public Comments

There were no public comments at the meeting.

X. Adjourn

Chairman Jamal Smith adjourned the December 8, 2014 meeting at 2:56 p.m.