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**Federal Funds Equity & Accountability Review Panel**

**Notice of Public Meeting**

**Monday, December 19, 2022**

**11:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m.**

In accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, as extended by Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting will be conducted, and open to the public, via Zoom and Teleconference.

**Zoom URL:** https://mass-gov-anf.zoom.us/j/84094698815?pwd=SC9HMjhtQ3EydFdDbW45c2VVMVkwZz09

 **Passcode**: 770770

**Teleconference Line:** 713-353-7024

 **Conference code:** 319738

A meeting of the Federal Funds Equity & Accountability Review Panel was held via teleconference on Monday, December 19th 2022, in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021.

Meeting was called to order at 11:02PM

**Panel members in Attendance:**

Jose Delgado, Panel Co-Chair, Access and Opportunity, Office of the Governor

Nicole Obi, Panel Co- Chair, Coalition for an Equitable Economy

Suzanne Bump, Auditor of the Commonwealth

Parris Kyriakakis, Office of the Comptroller (On behalf of Amy Nable)

Erica Seery, Chief Digital Officer, Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

Yasmin Padamsee Forbes, Commission on the Status of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Elizabeth Weyant, Massachusetts Association of Regional Planning Agencies

Bill McAvoy, Supplier Diversity Office

Kerima Lewis, The Commission on the Status of African Americans

Michael Frieber, Inspector General’s Office

Gwen Hart, Center for Women and Enterprise, Inc.

Bishop Tony Branch, NAACP New England Area Conference

Denella Clark, Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women

**Members Absent:**

Geoff Foster, Common Cause Massachusetts

Joe Curtatone, Northeast Clean Energy Council, Inc.

Kristina Johnson, Chief Data Officer, Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

Raquel Halsey, North American Indian Center of Boston, Inc.

Joe Kriesberg, Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations

Cindy Luppi. Green Justice Coalition

Leemarie Mosca, Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, Inc.

Beverley Johnson, Massachusetts Minority Contractors Association, Inc.

Shaheer Mustafa, Massachusetts Nonprofit Network, Inc.

Kerima Lewis, The Commission on the Status of African Americans

**A quorum was not reached at the beginning of the meeting.**

* **Administrative Matters:**
	+ Roll Call
		- Gwen Hart introduction as a member (Center for Women and Enterprise)
	+ Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2022 and October 27, 2022 (vote)
		- Unable to confirm due to lack of quorum
		- Parris Kyriakakis raised a point of order around documenting roll call votes
* **Public Comment Period Update**
	+ Co-Chair Obi presents Public Comment Findings Powerpoint
		- Two categories created: In-scope and Out-of-scope
		- Reviewed the In-Scope and Out-Of-Scope Comments
	+ Discussion
		- Member Bump posed the question on how many groups provided comment
			* Co-Chair Obi: Less than 25 on the form stack and reviewed the webinars for chat and spoken comments to incorporate but overall less than 100
		- Member Seery inquires about discussion surrounding potentially excluding populations below 30,000 and “double-counting” comment in public submissions
			* Response: The Panel will be looking into that issue
		- Member Padamsee Forbes raises the concern that through listening sessions, there is still a lack of understanding on how allocations goals were created
			* Response: Outreach was done via media, legislature, organizations. The holidays and the election may have impacted lower turnout.
		- Member Lewis raises a question regarding comment raised by a citizen of Randolph
			* Response: That comment was related to Randolph not meeting all the indices required for Tier 1 (which includes vaccine equity).
* **Draft Dashboard Overview**
* Danielle Littmann displays the draft dashboard. A link will be shared to examine the data.
* Dashboard is internal, up to the panel to decide when and how to communicate the data

**Note: The panel reached a Quorum at 11:24am due to the attendance of Member Bishop Branch**

**Panel Recommendations**

* Co-Chair Delgado recommends a dedicated position at FFO devoted to Equity Panel
* Question: Is this because this will continue into the next administration? Have there been any conversations with the new administration?
	+ Response: Yes – we believe it will continue. And no, there have not been any discussions with the next administration. Expectation is that this would be a 2 year position.
* Question: Can these individuals be changed out? Is our “work done”?
	+ Response: Co-Chair Delgado is part of the Governor’s office and will be changed out. Every other panel member is appointed through their offices and Co-Chair Obi is planning on staying on.
* Question: Would we have to go through typical hiring channels?
	+ Response: Yes; typical state rules apply. Co-Chair Delgado believes this should be housed in the Federal Funds Office.
	+ Motion by Auditor Bump to create a full-time position dedicated to Equity Panel funded through panel budget. Seconded by Member Clark,
		- Yays: Co-Chair Delgado, Co-Chair Obi, Member Bump, Member Nable, Member Frieber, Member McAvoy, Member Seery, Member Clark, Member Hart, Member Padamsee, Member Lewis, Member Bishop Branch, Member Weyant
		- Nays: None
		- Absent: Member Foster, Member Curtatone, Member Johnson, Member Halsey, Member Kriesberg, Member Luppi, Member Mosca, Member Johnson, Member Mustafa, Member Lewis, Member Rivera, Member Charles
	+ Motion passes unanimously.
* **Next Steps**
	+ Vote on adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 27, 2022 and October 27, 2022 in the next meeting
* **Adjournment**