

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,
Females, and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

MEETING MINUTES

**Monthly Council Meeting
Location: Video Conference Room 2-025
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**

Monday, May 23, 2011 1:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alesia Hawkins
Jesse Martinez
Beth Doria
Florence Cox
Lynne Turner
Phillip Barreda
Patrick Blair, via video conference
Michael Gonzalez
Larry Ivory, via video conference
Hedy Ratner

COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Lawrence Parrish
Nelida Smyser-De Leon

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

James P. Sledge, CMS/ Director

COUNCIL SECRETARY

Ruddy Ortiz

CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Tasha Green Cruzat, CMS/ Chief Operating Officer
Susan Hartman, CMS/Chief Knowledge Officer
Nadine Lacombe, CMS General Counsel
Philina King, CMS/BEP Legal Counsel
Jacob Stuckey, Special Assistant to Director James Sledge
David Eldridge, CMS/ Deputy Director of Bureau of Strategic Sourcing, via video conference
Steve McCurdy, CMS/Assistant Director, via video conference
Gwen Gurgens, CMS/Senior SPO
Yvette Riley, CMS/BEP
Maria Lasic, CMS/BEP
Gladys Rodriguez, CMS/BEP
Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, CMS/BEP
Harry Reinhard, CMS/BEP
Carlos Gutierrez, CMS/BEP

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ben Bagby, Chief Procurement Officer for Board of Higher Education, via video conference
Aaron Carter, Executive Director for Procurement Policy Board, via video conference

Timothy Fishburn, Administrator for Procurement Policy Board, via video conference
Kylie Leonard, Executive Ethics Commission/SPO, for Board of Higher Education, Community College Board, Educational Labor Relations Board, State University Civil Service System, via video conference
Marshall Grant, Project Manager, Illinois Department of Transportation
Vir Doshi, Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services

AGENDA

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON April 11, 2011
- 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
- 5.0 POSTED BUSINESS
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 6.1 Committee Updates
 - A. Exemption/Compliance Committee
 - B. Bonding Committee
 - C. Professional Services
 - D. Policy/Enforcement Committee
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 8.0 ADJOURNMENT

CALLED TO ORDER

James P. Sledge, Director for Illinois Department of Central Management Services, called the Business Enterprise Program Council meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, Acting Business Enterprise Council Secretary, took roll call.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF April, 2011

The minutes of the Council meeting held April 11th were approved with no opposition or abstentions.

2011 COUNCIL MEETINGS

The upcoming BEP Council meetings will be scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, from 1:30 PM. to 3:30 PM.

The Council meeting calendar for 2011 is as follows:

27th June 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
25th July 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
22nd August 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
26th September 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
24th October 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
28th November 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025
27th December 2011 – JRTC, Room 2-025

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chair James Sledge called for committee updates.

A. Exemption/Compliance Committee - No report

B. Bonding Committee – No report

C. Professional Services Committee – No report

D. Policy/Enforcement Committee

Member Beth Doria reported that her committee continues to meet. She stated she has no report other than the Contract BEP Spend Cap report submitted at the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair James Sledge called for new business.

Chair James Sledge reported that the work on the disparity study is on-going.

Discussion on Senate Bill 3249, Section 45: Award of capital funds

Philina King and Harry Reinhard addressed member's questions and concerns about SB3249. Philina King advised that a BEP process has been drafted and under review for final approval by CMS. Harry Reinhard noted that the process will address compliance monitoring. Member Florence Cox asked about class exemptions and how many continuous years can one class seek exemptions.

Discussion on Committee Structure

Chair James Sledge and members discussed committee structure. He proposed that a rules committee be created to establish bylaws for the Council. Member Beth Doria suggested that the rules committee be rolled into the policy enforcement committee. In addition members discussed revitalization of existing committees.

New Business

Member Larry Ivory proposed uniform system to track minority procurement spend in state contracting. CMS procurement will review state systems and provide information to the Council.

Next Steps:

- Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 27, 2011, James R Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph Street, Room 2-025, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.
- Committee list of members will be sent via email to all members.
- CMS procurement will review state systems and provide information to the Council at a later date.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:06 PM