

Minority Business Council Meeting

The HIVE

4636 Columbus Street - Suite 100

September 10, 2021

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

MBC Vision: To be the leading influence in connecting contractor resources with city opportunities and beyond.

MBC Mission: Advance and facilitate an environment of business opportunities, focusing on increasing expenditures to minority and women-owned businesses by the City of Virginia Beach as a means to further the City’s economic development and vitality.

Public Comment: Any member of the public who would like to address the Minority Business Council should register with the Chair at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. You may contact the current MBC Chair, Sheila Johnson at 757-724-1833. If you are unable to register with the Chair prior to this deadline, you are encouraged to register to speak at a subsequent meeting.

	Name	Agenda Item	Minutes
I.	Olga Torres Chair	Call to Order Welcome, Introductions and Approval of Minutes	10
		Industry Hour Tidewater Community College Nancy Prather Johnson, Pathway Dean, BUS, CS, IT	15
II	Damen Watson	Outreach Committee	5
III.	Frances Thompson	Minority Awareness Committee	5
IV.	Olga Torres	Data Collection and Analysis	5
V.		Policy Committee	5
VI.	Olga Torres	Other Business: Staff Report – Rebecca Kee	5
		Minority Business Commission Report – Ed Hopper/Damen Watson	5
		Economic Development Report – Jeff Smith	5
		Liaison Reports: City Council Members: Louis Jones Aaron Rouse	5
		School Board Liaison: Dr. LaQuiche Parrott	5

REMINDER: Submit volunteer form

Committees			
Policy	Outreach	Minority Awareness	Data Collection & Analysis
	Damen Watson, Chair (EB)	Frances Thompson, Chair (EB)	Olga Torres, Chair (EB)
	Ed Hopper	Jaketa Clark	Frances Thompson (EB)
		Francina Harrison	
	Cuprice Anthony-Cox (A)		LaQuiche Parrott (SB)
		Rhonda Alexander (A)	

(A) Associate (EB) MBC Executive Board Members (SB) School Board Liaison

City Staff		
Name	Title	Department
Taylor Adams	Director	Department of Economic Development
Letitia L. Shelton	Director	Department of Finance
Rod Ingram	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney's Office
Rebecca Kee	Purchasing Agent	Purchasing Division
Jeff Smith	SWaM Business Development Manager	Department of Economic Development
Lavera Tolentino	Program Administrator	Purchasing Division
Keith Lee	Minority Business Coordinator	Purchasing Division
Nikita Susens	Minority Business Coordinator Assistant	Purchasing Division

MBC Retreat June 2021

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This meeting of the Minority Business Council was held on the date and time mentioned above and **was held by electronic means via WebEx videoconferencing because of the COVID-19 public health emergency.**

Members:

Ms. Sheila Johnson, Chair
Ms. Olga Torres, Vice Chair
Mr. Kelvin Arthur, Financial Counselor
Ms. Frances Thompson, Secretarial Officer
Mr. Harshad Barot, member- **absent**
Ms. Francina Harrison, member
Mr. Ed Hopper, member
Mr. Ron Lewis, member
Mr. Clarence Neely, member
Mr. Damen Watson, member
Ms. Jaketa Clark, member

Associates:

Ms. Rhonda Alexander
Ms. Cuprice Anthony-Cox

Liaisons:

Mr. Louis Jones, City Council – **absent**
Mr. Aaron Rouse, City Council
Dr. LaQuiche Parrott, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for VBPS

Staff Members:

Mr. Taylor Adams, Director of Economic Development-**absent**
Ms. Letitia Shelton, Director of Finance
Mr. Rod Ingram, Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney's Office
Ms. Rebecca Kee, Purchasing Agent, Purchasing Office
Mr. Keith Lee, Minority Business Coordinator, SWaM Business Office
Mr. Jeff Smith, SWaM Business Development Manager, Economic Development-**absent**
Ms. Nikita Susens, Minority Business Coordinator Assistant, SWaM Business Office
Ms. Lavera Tolentino, Minority Business Coordinator, SWaM Business Office

Recorder:

Ms. Nikita Susens

Virtual meeting, no sign-in sheet.

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<p>Liaison Reports Sheila Johnson</p>	<p>1) City Council Members: Councilman Rouse Councilman Jones</p> <p>2) School Board Liaison: Dr. LaQuiche Parrott</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilman Rouse was absent, no report was given. • Dr. Parrot was absent, no report was given. • Ms. Johnson reminded members to submit volunteer forms and that there will be no June monthly meeting but that the MBC retreat will be on June 11th. • Ms. Johnson expressed that this will be her last official meeting as a member of the MBC, and that it has been her pleasure at serving as Chair of the MBC.
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.</p>	