



EDB Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Accessibility Standing (DEBA) Committee

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 9:10am

Economic Development Board

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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III. UPDATES

A. ARPA UPDATE

Evaluation of the Diversity Small Business Development Assistance Program

B. EDB 3.0 UPDATE

IV. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA BUT WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE BOARD

Comments are restricted to matters within the Board's jurisdiction. Each person is usually granted time to speak at the discretion of the Chair. Any additional public comments will be heard at the conclusion of the meeting. While members of the public are welcome to address the Board, under the brown Act, Board members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda.

VII. ADJORN - NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING - Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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Wednesday, December 13, 2023 @ 9am

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Regina Mahiri, Chair called to order the Diversity, Equity, Belonging and Accessibility (DEBA) Standing Committee meeting at 9:03 a.m.

The following EDB Board members were present Regina Mahiri, Jorge Alcazar, Kathryn Hecht, Betzy Chavez

The following EDB staff members were present Lauren Cartwright, Marcos Suarez, Juanita Fong, Lindsey Collins, Ethan Brown

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Meeting minutes from September 27 were approved.

Motion: Kathryn Hecht Second: Betzy Chavez
Yay: 3 Nay:0 Abstained: 0

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Guest Speakers: Alegria De La Cruz, Director of the Office of Equity and Lindsey Franco, Strategic Plan PPEA, Office of Equity

Alegria and Lindsey shared the mission and goals of their department. They discussed issues in Sonoma County and the different programs they are implementing to promote equity in Sonoma County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Regina Mahiri, adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.



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II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Meeting minutes from December 13, 2023, were not approved.

III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Action Items for next meeting

Discussion regarding Alegria's presentation from previous meeting; what was learned, where do we go from here, what sort of practices can we integrate and what are the next steps.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Kathryn adjourned the meeting at 09:35 am.



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