

EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

June 01, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
	Meeting held virtually. Nancy Briguglio called the meeting to order.	Meeting called to order at 9:07 am
Minutes: April 06, 2021	Nancy Briguglio called for approval of the Minutes. Minutes: Roger Barnes moved that the Minutes be approved, the motion was seconded by Cyndi Gula.	Unanimously approved
Certifications: April 06, 2021 through June 01, 2021	Cyndi Gula moved that the applications be approved; the motion was seconded by Margaret Kim.	Unanimously approved
Business Certification Workshop - June 14, 2021	Mahesh provided information on the upcoming Virtual Business Certification Workshop scheduled on June 14, 2021. The event will feature County directors and representatives from the Office of Procurement and Contract Administration, Recreation & Parks, Howard County Community Resources and Services, Department of Technology and Communications Services and the Bureau of Facilities. The workshop will also feature guest presenters from the Office of Small and Minority Business Policy of the Maryland Department of Transportation, U.S. Small Business Administration's Baltimore District Office, and the Maryland Procurement Technical Assistance Center (MDPTAC).	
Member Comments	Roger Barnes mentioned that the Howard County Racial Equity Taskforce recently submitted its draft recommendations to the County Council, and one of the recommendations in the report does recommend that the County consider conducting a disparity study to review its procurement policies. Nancy Briguglio mentioned that the EBOC could include a letter stating its support for a disparity study, and support for diversity and inclusion to the Racial Equity Taskforce.	

	<p>Cyndi Gula inquired whether a business needs to be in good standing with the State of Maryland Dept. of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) for certification. Mahesh mentioned that an applicant needs to be in good standing and this was one of the requirements for certification.</p> <p>Cyndi Gula inquired about the new County website. Dean mentioned that the County has launched a new website which is very user friendly and easy to navigate.</p>	
<p>Adjournment of Meeting at 9:33 am</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by Nancy Briguglio. Next regular EBOC Meeting scheduled for August 03, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.</p>	

EBOC MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Roger Barnes
2. Margaret Kim
3. Nancy Briguglio
4. Cynthia Gula
5. Jason Peay
6. Shahan Rizvi

ABSENT:

1. Nathaniel Alston
2. Neil Madan
3. Sharon Pinder

NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Dean Hof
2. Mahesh Sabnani
3. Constance Tucker
4. Vernon Thompson