

# EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

## December 07, 2021 Meeting Minutes

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
	<p>Meeting held in hybrid format</p> <p>Nancy Briguglio called the meeting to order.</p>	<p>Meeting called to order at 9:04 am</p>
<p>Minutes: October 05, 2021</p>	<p>Nancy Briguglio called for approval of the Minutes. Cynthia Gula moved that the Minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Jason Peay.</p>	<p>Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Certifications: October 05, 2021 through December 07, 2021</p>	<p>Nancy Briguglio called for approval of the Certifications. Nathaniel Alston moved that the applications be approved; the motion was seconded by Roger Barnes.</p>	<p>Unanimously approved</p>
<p>Election of Officers: EBOC Chair &amp; Vice-Chair</p>	<p>Election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission took place during the meeting.</p> <p>Prior to this meeting, nominations were sought through email from all the commissioners for the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions. Ballots were emailed out to all the commissioners to send in their nominations. Commissioners were given the opportunity to either nominate themselves or a fellow commissioner for both positions.</p> <p>Mahesh thanked Nancy Briguglio for her assistance in reaching out to the nominees to understand their interest to be on the ballot.</p> <p>During the meeting, prior to a vote taking place, the current Chair Nancy Briguglio called for any additional nominations from the floor. There were none, after which Nancy Briguglio called for a vote to close the nominations. Cynthia Gula moved that the nominations be closed; the motion was seconded by Nathaniel Alston.</p> <p>Roger Barnes thanked both, Nancy Briguglio and Nathaniel Alston for their support and advocacy on the commission during their tenure as Chair and Vice-Chair.</p>	

	<p>Official Results:  Chair: Jason Peay - elected unanimously  Vice-Chair: Margaret Kim - elected unanimously</p>	
Member Comments	<p>Kantria Branch provided her views and some feedback she has received through her outreach to local businesses.</p> <p>Cynthia Gula requested Maria Angelica Vargas to provide an overview of the initiatives offered through the Howard County Economic Development Authority. Maria provided information on the recent Minority Business Roundtable, and how EDA was reaching out to various ethnic communities to provide assistance. she added that the EDA and Office of Procurement are leveraging their resources by referring businesses to each other to provide assistance and raise awareness. Mahesh mentioned the technical assistance that is provided to businesses on the procurement process and the EBO program. The Office of Procurement staff meets with vendors one-on-one within the office to provide assistance and refers businesses to organizations such as SBDC and PTAP housed within the EDA for additional assistance provided through those entities.</p>	
Adjournment of Meeting at 9:32 am	<p>Motion to adjourn by Nancy Briguglio.</p> <p>Next regular EBOC Meeting scheduled for February 08, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.</p>	

**EBOC MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

1. Nathaniel Alston
2. Roger Barnes
3. Nancy Briguglio
4. Cynthia Gula
5. Jason Peay
6. Margaret Kim
7. Neil Madan

**ABSENT:**

1. Shahan Rizvi
2. Sharon Pinder

**NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:**

1. Dean Hof
2. Mahesh Sabnani
3. Constance Tucker
4. Kantria Branch
5. Maria Angelica Vargas
6. Christopher Moyer