

Governor's Council on Women and Girls Meeting
Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity
October 13, 2021 @ 3pm

Virtual Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9SkLM9fsRKumhKYQ5RKWcw

Minutes

- I. Greetings & Opening Remarks
 - a. Lt. Governor notes that creating economic opportunities and developing a more equitable workforce continue to be priorities for the State, particularly noting an inclusive recovery from Covid 19. Lt. Governor further acknowledges:
 - i. Hispanic Heritage month, which ends Friday, and her visits to Hispanic-owned businesses.
 - ii. Deaf Awareness Month women leaders' panel discussion in September.
 - iii. October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month and the 9th Annual Disability Resource Fair on October 22nd (*registration link shared in chat function <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/9th-annual-disability-resource-fair-tickets-175483454737>*).
 - b. Lt. Governor reminds everyone to use the chat function for announcements.
- II. Status of Subcommittee Work
 - a. Lt. Governor acknowledges that she Co-Chairs the subcommittee with:
 - i. The Office of the State Comptroller, represented by Assistant Comptroller Tara Downes
 - ii. The Department of Housing, represented by Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks
 - iii. DECD, represented by Deputy Commissioner Glendowlyn Thames; and
 - iv. Office of Health Strategy, represented by Deputy Commissioner Kim Martone
 - b. Lt. Governor further acknowledges that one of the working groups focuses on financial literacy and is spearheaded by Kathleen Titsworth from the Department of Banking in partnership with Catherine Blinder from the Department of Consumer Protection.
 - c. Lt. Governor notes that legislative proposals received cover ideas regarding:
 - i. promoting financial management and debt education;
 - ii. protecting consumers from certain credit reporting that can have negative impacts on their scores; and
 - iii. increasing employment data transparency across different arms of state government.
 - d. Lt. Governor notes that she is reviewing the concepts with council leadership and considering whether some of the proposals can be taken on administratively and will follow up in a future meeting.

- e. Lt. Governor thanks the financial literacy working group, Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks, and Assistant Comptroller Tara Downes for their suggestions.

III. Presentation from Steering Committee Member

- a. Lt. Governor introduces Jennifer Openshaw from Girls With Impact
- b. J. Openshaw presents (*see Attachment 1*).
- c. J. Openshaw introduces Neha Shukla who graduated from GWI programming
- d. N. Shukla shares her creation of Six Feet Apart, a wearable social distancing device (hat) that uses ultrasonic technology to detect distance.
- e. J. Openshaw notes that many of the young women have received college scholarships
- f. Lt. Governor engages N. Shukla about school and educational interests.

IV. Announcements

- a. Lt. Governor notes the next full council meeting on November 9 at 3pm.
- b. Lt. Governor notes the next subcommittee meeting on December 9 also at 3pm

V. Adjournment

- a. Lt. Governor adjourns at apx. 3:21pm

Attendance

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| Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz | Co-Chair |
| Assistant Comptroller Tara Downes | Office of State Comptroller, Co-Chair |
| Deputy Commissioner Glendowlyn Thames | DECD, Co-Chair |
| Deputy Commissioner Kim Martone | Office of Health Strategy, Co-Chair |
| Commissioner Michelle Seagull | Department of Consumer Protection |
| Commissioner Amy Porter | Department of Aging and Disability Services |
| Solicitor General Clare Kindall | Office of the Attorney General |
| Matt Smith | Department of Banking |