

Governor's Council on Women and Girls  
Full Council Meeting  
July 12, 2022 @ 3pm

Minutes

- I. Lt. Governor offers greetings and opening remarks:
  - a. Reminding people to note any announcements in the chat function
  
- II. Report from Council Leadership
  - a. Lt. Gov noted that Christine Jean-Louis will replace Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe as General Counsel to the Lt. Gov.
    - i. LG's General Counsel Christine Jean-Louis offered brief remarks.
  - b. Lt. Gov shared that Governor Lamont appointed Deputy Director Kim Martone as Acting Executive Director for the Office of Healthcare Strategy following Vicki Veltri's absence. She will chair the Health and Safety Subcommittee alongside Office of Early Childhood Commissioner Beth Bye and Department of Public Health Commissioner Manisha Juthani.
    - i. Director Martone acknowledged appointment and co-chair role in chat function.
  - c. She reminded all subcommittees to consider submissions of legislative proposals for next year's legislative session.
  
- III. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity
    - i. Commissioner Paul Robertson discusses reorganizing goals, reviewing programs, and measuring results.
    - ii. Assistant State Comptroller Tara Downes (*see Attachment 1*) shares information on the Connecticut Essential Workers Covid-19 Assistance Fund
    - iii. Lt. Governor reminds Council that the [Child Tax Rebate](#) deadline is July 31, 2022.
    - iv. Vice Chair Dorantes shared information on the child tax rebate (*see Attachment 2a and 2b*) in the chat conversation.
    - v. Officer Kelli-Marie Vallieres discusses Governor's, Lt. Governor's, and State Legislature's investment in Workforce Development.
      1. Career Connect: Regional workforce boards, community organizations, and community colleges create training programs in manufacturing, construction, fintech, and energy.
      2. Discussion followed on mentorship programs
  
  - b. Education & STEAM
    - i. Co-chairs unavailable to present, but left presentation for Council review (*see Attachment 3*)

- c. Health & Safety Subcommittee
    - i. Commissioner Manisha Juthani congratulates AAPI Heritage month leadership forum. She discussed school-based health centers investment, reviewed mental health agenda and potential establishment of nurseries in corrections facilities.
    - ii. Lt. Governor mentioned that all kids 6 months and older are eligible for a COVID vaccine, as approved by the FDA.
    - iii. Vice Chair Dorantes shared [weblink](#) on information for COVID vaccines for children in the chat conversation.
  - d. Leadership Subcommittee
    - i. Lt. Governor shares updates from May subcommittee meeting: Dept. of Administrative Services diversity study, equity study, and final report. Updated the Council on DAS recruitment efforts (LinkedIn, Handshake, colleges, local job fairs) and the [Voice4Change](#) student's proposal program.
    - ii. Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker discusses a new dashboard to computer science access.
    - iii. Lt. Governor shares take aways from AAPI and LGBTQ Leadership Panel in May and June.
- IV. Announcements
- a. Reminder on upcoming women in leadership panels that are in planning stages
  - b. Chat Message Announcement:
    - i. [CT Women and Girls Data Platform](#) for extensive information on the status of women and girls in Connecticut
  - c. Discussed upcoming Subcommittee Meeting Schedule
    - i. [Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity](#) is scheduled to meet on August 9<sup>th</sup> and September 13<sup>th</sup> both at 3pm;
    - ii. [Education & STEAM](#) is also scheduled to meet on both August 16<sup>th</sup> and September 20<sup>th</sup> at 3pm;
    - iii. [Health & Safety](#) is scheduled to meet on August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 6<sup>th</sup> both at 10am; and
    - iv. [Leadership](#) is scheduled to meet on August 11<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> both at 3pm.
  - d. Lt. Governor shares that a [Full Council](#) meeting is scheduled October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.
  - e. Lt. Governor thanked Subcommittee Co-Chairs for their leadership
  - f. Reminder that the next Full Council Meeting is October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- V. Adjournment at roughly 3:45pm

Meeting Attendance Report

Office of the Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz (Chair) General Counsel Christine Jean-Louis
Office of Policy and Management	Melanie Richard
Office of the State Comptroller	Assistant State Comptroller Tara Downes
Office of the Secretary of State	Moriah Moriarty
Democratic House Representative	Kimberly Fiorello
Dept. Administrative Services	Margaret Hackett
Dept. of Agriculture	Kayleigh Royston
Dept. of Banking	Matt Smith
Dept. of Children and Family	Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes (Vice Chair) Valerie Lilley
Dept. of Consumer Protection	Commissioner Michelle Seagull Catherine Blinder
Dept. of Correction	Commissioner Angel Quiros Deputy Commissioner Sharonda Carols
Dept. of Economic & Community Development	Deputy Commissioner Paul Robertson Laura Baker
Dept. of Social Services	Astread Ferron-Poole
Dept. of Education	Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker Pam Casiano
Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services	Director Kimberly Karanda
Dept. of Public Health	Commissioner Manisha Juthani
Office of Early Childhood	Commissioner Beth Bye
Office of Health Strategy	Acting Executive Director Kimberly Martone
Office of Higher Education	Noele Kidney
Office of Workforce Strategy	Kelli-Marie Vallieres
Insurance Dept.	Commissioner Andrew N. Mais
Connecticut Commission on Women, Children and Seniors	Rosemary Lopez