

Governor's Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises

Quarterly Public Commission Meeting
Indiana Government Center South, Conference Center, Room A,
402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Monday, April 25, 2016 | 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chairman Tony Kirkland called the meeting to order Monday, April 25, 2016, 1:10 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Michael Babcock took roll call – those members present were:

Tony Kirkland Chairman	Jessica Robertson Indiana Department of Administration Commissioner	Terrie Daniel Minority and Women's Business Enterprises Deputy Commissioner	Shane Springer PTAC
Elizabeth Kiefner-Crawford Indiana Department of Transportation Representative	Remo Mezzetta Central Representative	Jesse Moore Northern Representative	John Bartlett Representative
Alfonso Vidal Southern Representative	Jean Breaux Senator		

III. Welcome Remarks and Chairman's Update

Chairman Kirkland welcomed attendees, stated that the meeting would focus on trying to establish goals for fiscal year 2017, and established that the commission did not have quorum at the time. He then gave Ms. Terrie Daniel the floor.

IV. Deputy Commissioner's Report

Deputy Commissioner Terrie Daniel explained the reference material that was provided for the commission before the meeting and again at the meeting.

Ms. Daniel's reference material was a document which included national best practices for setting MWBE utilization goals as well as the pertinent graphs, figures, and information from the latest Indiana disparity study.

Ms. Daniel opened the floor for questions, there were none. At which point she turned the floor over to Chairman Kirkland.

Chairman Kirkland began the process of setting utilization goals by industry, beginning with construction. Commissioner Jesse Moore expressed concern over the methodology concerning WBEs.

Jesse Moore took issue with the disparity study's methodology of research concerning WBEs; specifically that minority WBEs were not included in the WBE availability numbers and were instead included in the MBEs and not set aside specifically for MWBEs.

Sen. Jean Breaux arrived at this time.

The commission deliberated over whether or not they could set goals with the information they had available or if they needed additional information concerning MWBE & WBE availability.

With no conclusion reached during that deliberation, Jesse Moore questioned the methodology of how the commission has set utilization goals in the past.

The conversation transitioned back to the issue of minority WBEs not being counted toward the WBE availability.

Through the course of discussion several commissioners agreed with both of Jesse Moore's points of contention about setting utilization goals, namely:

- Can the commission set goals with the current disparity study results presented in such a way that WBEs are only classified as white women owned business?
- What utilization goal setting methodology should the commission be using?

Sen. Jean Breaux recommended that a subcommittee be formed to answer the aforementioned questions.

The subcommittee was briefly discussed.

Rep. John Bartlett then gave a letter he wrote to Chairman Kirkland to read to the commissioners.

The letter called for the commissioners to have a summit which would focus on reevaluating and improving the Governor's Commission for Minority and Women's Business Enterprises.

The topic of an introspective commission summit was tabled until the present objective of goal setting was satisfied.

Sen. Breaux made a motion to create a subcommittee with the intent of answering the two aforementioned questions.

Commissioner Vidal seconded the motion and it was passed.

Commissioner Jesse Moore was appointed as head of the subcommittee.

Chairman Kirkland then opened the floor to public comments.

V. Public Comments

The following attendees made public comments:

Blanche Smith
Anita Williams
Cassandra Wilson
Claudette Peterson

VI. Adjourn

Chairman Kirkland adjourned the meeting Monday, April 25, 2016, 1:59 p.m.