
Allegheny County MBE Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Liberty Room, Human Services Building
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
4:30 p.m.

Advisory Committee Members in Attendance:

Elaine Dudley – Labor Comp Specialist, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development (for Dennis Davin)
Mark Patrick Flaherty – Controller, Office of the Allegheny County Controller
Kenneth Huston – President/CEO, Huston Trust, Inc.
Abass Kamara – Director of Government Affairs, Pittsburgh Penguins
Philip La May – Deputy Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works (for Joseph Olczak)
Ari Letwin – Contract Administrator, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development (for Dennis Davin)
Glenn Loper – Senior Purchasing Agent, Allegheny County Purchasing Division (for Timothy Johnson)
M. Gayle Moss – Chair/President, MBE Advisory Committee/NAACP Pittsburgh Branch
Tim Stevens – Chairman, Black Political Empowerment Project (B-PEP)

Advisory Committee Members Absent:

Dennis Davin – Director, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development
Victor Diaz – CEO, Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Amy Griser – Director, Allegheny County Department of Budget and Finance
Timothy Johnson – Allegheny County Department of Administrative Services
Marc Little – CEO/President, Minority and Women Educational Labor Agency (MWELA)
Iftikhar Malik – President, Shawn Malik, Inc.
Joseph Olczak – Director, Allegheny County Department of Public Works
Im Sook Reinhart – President, Controls Link, Inc.
Toni Silva – Supplier Relations Director, UPMC

Also Present:

Ruth Byrd-Smith – Director, Allegheny County Department of M/W/DBE

Agenda:

- I. Open Meeting**
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**
- III. Discuss Revisions to Chapter 435**
- IV. Adjournment**

I. Open Meeting**II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the July 6, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

III. Discuss Revisions to Chapter 435

Gayle Moss gave some background on how revisions to Chapter 435 came about for those members who were not at the last meeting. Ruth Byrd-Smith explained one version of Chapter 435 showed the changes that were made while a second, unmarked copy was provided to show how Chapter 435 would read with the changes incorporated. She recommended that the revised Chapter 435 be forwarded to Assistant Solicitor Ted Trbovich for review and approval. She went over the proposed changes for the Committee.

It was decided to proceed as follows:

1. Mr. Trbovich will review the proposed language;
2. The Committee will meet afterwards to discuss Mr. Trbovich's recommendations;
3. The proposed language will be passed on to County Council for review;
4. Based on Mr. Trbovich's and County Council's recommendations, the Committee will finalize the proposed language;
5. The Committee will forward the proposed language to the County Executive.

Addressing the M/WBE contract goals was again posed. Ms. Byrd-Smith stated that a disparity study would need to be performed in order for the contract goals to be changed. Ms. Moss offered that the Committee has in the recent past considered pursuing a disparity study and then decided against it. A discussion ensued regarding disparity studies.

Ms. Byrd-Smith suggested inviting Mr. Trbovich to the next meeting so that he can be available to answer any questions that the Committee might have. Mr. Flaherty suggested that Mr. Trbovich also be asked to verify what is necessary to request the performance of a disparity study and to provide a legal opinion as to whether a disparity study should be requested.

IV. Adjournment