



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Action Summary - Final Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair Paula McCraney (D-7)
Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)
Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Thursday, May 13, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair McCraney called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair McCraney introduced the committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually.

Present: 7 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Chair Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6)

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-0378](#)

Equity in Contracting and Procurement Task Force: Co-Chair Paul W. Thompson, President and CEO of Louisville Gas and Electric Company/Kentucky Utilities; and Co-Chair Tony Parrott, Executive Director of Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District.

Attachments: [Executive Order No. 2021-005 - May 6, 2021.pdf](#)
[Equity Contracting and Procurement Presentation.pdf](#)

Chair McCraney introduced the co-chairs of the Equity in Contracting and Procurement Task Force, Paul Thompson, Louisville Gas & Electric Company, and Tony Parrott, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District, and referenced the creation of the task force pursuant to the attached Executive Order.

The following Task Force Members and Staff introduced themselves:

Verna Goatley, Human Relations Commission
Kendall Boyd, Office of Equity
David Cosby, LG&E/KU Energy
Kellie Watson, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District
Sharise Horne, Louisville Metropolitan Sewer District

Tony Parrott and Paul Thompson gave a presentation (attached hereto).

The following spoke to this item:

- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Kendall Boyd
- Committee Member Arthur
- Chair McCraney
- Kellie Watson
- Verna Goatley
- Committee Member Holton Stewart
- David Cosby
- Sharise Horne

The following was discussed:

- What is being done to create a simpler process so that minority businesses do not get caught up in red tape
- Those businesses involved with the Task Force focusing on beginning with their own bureaucratic process in regards to procurement
- What the \$250,000 budget request mentioned in the presentation would be used for
- Whether they were differentiating between foreign-born Black and native-born Black persons due to the differences in discrimination against each
- Whether they were seeking assistance to help eliminate hurdles that may exist with non-English speaking business owners, or those that have English as a second language
- Whether there is a known number regarding how many Black-owned business owners are being helped by the spent funds
- Certification process for minority vendors
- Recruitment and assistance offered to minority vendors
- Long-term goals for female-owned businesses
- Women-owned businesses being included in minority-owned business category
- Benefits of the collaboration of the 10 entities involved in the Task Force
- Social responsibility of all companies to lift the community together

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair McCraney adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.