

CHAIR REPORT TO MAY 12, 2022 CPARB MEETING

Since our April 14th CPARB meeting, below is a brief synopsis of Chair activities on behalf of the board:

1. Administrative improvements with DES:
 - Talia to check on what the Governor's rescinding of the COVID Emergency Proclamation means for our CPARB meetings and an in-person location.
2. Subcommittee meeting participation:
 - Business Equity/Diverse Business Inclusion meetings – attended meetings in April and May. Reinforced the timeline to achieve completion of the report and communication with legislators by the end of June.
3. Meetings outside of CPARB committees:
 - Contacted Governor's office regarding status of the General Contractor appointment. Provided feedback regarding the participation of the applicants on the CPARB subcommittees.
 - Participated on State House Local Government Committee meeting on May 3rd with Olivia Yang, Michael Transue, Rachel Murata and Lisa van der Lugt. We shared the status of CPARB and the BE/DBI, Small Works and Subcontract bid Listing committees underway, while Rachel shared the work of OMWBE and Michael discussed the process of Local Government study as backdrop of our current work in Local Government procurement reform.
 - Attended a follow up virtual meeting on May 11th with Dr Karen Johnson and Carolyn Cole, with Office of Equity to update on the work of CPARB and our BE/DBI efforts. Further learned about their mission and goals related to pro-equity and anti-racism work. Invited Dr J and her staff to review the draft report and provide feedback.
4. Training participation
 - None
5. Discussions:
 - Reviewed CPARB applications for the General Contractor seat with the Governor's office and communicated that all three applicants are qualified to serve on the board. Have reached out on status of General Contractor appointment process.
 - Continued discussion with MRSC regarding their upcoming work on developing training and resources for public works contracting, alternative delivery and increasing women, veterans and minority business participation. Invited Jon Rose to attend one of the upcoming CPARB meetings to provide a progress update.
 - Various check ins with board members when requested
6. Upcoming:
 - None noted yet

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Zahn, CPARB Chair