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**Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Committee
APPROVED MINUTES OF THE MEETING
Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 12 noon**

This meeting was held by remote participation (Zoom) pursuant to Massachusetts Governor Charles D. Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the open meeting law.

Voting Member Attendance

		<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
John Murray, Co-chair	MassHire Greater Brockton Career Center	X	
Maryellen Brett, Co-chair	Massasoit Community College		X
Christopher Cooney	Metro South Chamber of Commerce	X	
Jason Hunter	MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board	X	
Jay Pateakos	MassDevelopment	X	
Jennifer DeBoisBriand	Town of Bridgewater	X	
Mary Ellen DeFrias	MassDevelopment	X	
Michael Lambert	Brockton Area Transit	X	
Pamela McCarthy	Town of Stoughton	X	
Rob May	City of Brockton	X	
Stephanie Danielson	Town of Easton	X	
Valerie Massard	Town of Kingston		X

Others Present

- Lea Filson, See Plymouth

OCPC Staff Present

- Joanne Zygmunt, Senior Economic Development and Environmental Planner
- Dottie Fulginiti, Economic Recovery Planner
- Mary Waldron, Executive Director

Minutes

Co-chair John Murray opened the meeting at 12 noon, welcomed everyone, and read the accessibility statement. Roll call was taken. Ten voting members were present, one guest, and three OCPC staff.

A motion was made (McCarthy) and seconded (DeBoisBriand) to accept the minutes from the meeting on August 17, 2021. The motion carried without dissent.

Zygmunt provided an update on Committee membership. The following members were reappointed at the last OCPC Governing Council meeting: Murray, Brett, Cooney, McCarthy, May, Danielson, DeBoisBriand, and Massard. DeFrias (Jay Pateakos as Substitute) and Hunter (Sheila Sullivan-Jardim as Substitute) also were reappointed. At the next OCPC Governing Council meeting, Lambert (Joseph Mech as Substitute) will be presented for reappointment and Filson for appointment. Seven seats remain vacant; the Committee agreed to work toward filling these over the next couple of months.

Zygmunt led the Committee in a discussion around scheduling for 2022. Committee members agreed to quarterly meetings starting in January. The new format will be 90 minutes – one hour with a formal agenda followed by 30 minutes of informal networking. Meeting will be held in person, if safe to do so at the time, with a virtual option. Webinars will move to a quarterly schedule, too, beginning in March.

Zygmunt reminded members that the next webinar, on workforce development, will be held November 16 at 12 noon. Registration will be available soon; please check the calendar on OCPC's website.

Fulginiti updated the group on grant opportunities related to economic development and recovery:

- Community Compact [Best Practices](#)
- Community Compact [Fiber Grant Program](#) application March 15 - April 15
- Mass Cultural Council [applications](#) due Nov 1
- Mass Cultural Council [local arts](#) applications due Nov 1
- MA Growth Capital [crowdfunding](#)
- MA Growth Capital [digital grant](#)
- SBA [Grants](#)

Murray notified the group of the upcoming state-wide virtual job fair for veterans. More information on the November 18 event would be released soon.

Fulginiti, McCarthy, and Danielson announced new business directory apps in their communities – Discover Easton and Discover Stoughton. McCarthy asked for workshop leader suggestions for holding a digital marketing class for local businesses.

Cooney asked that the group consider how best to regionally collaborate on water/sewer, housing, and regional public transportation (in particular, commuter rail).

Zygmunt invited members to OCPC's Open House in December. Details would be available soon.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 18 at 12 noon. A motion to adjourn was made (Danielson) and seconded (Rob May). The motion carried without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Submitted by Joanne Zygmunt, OCPC
Accepted on 03/08/2022