



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Garza called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Garza, Chair
Council Member Spitzley, Vice-Chair – arrived at 3:03 p.m.
Council Member Brown, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Joseph Abood, OCA
Sinclair Franklin
Muhammad Qawwee

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 1, 2023 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Franklin asked about the role of the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board. Council Member Garza explained it is currently getting created and the positions are getting filled. Mr. Franklin asked how to apply and he was directed to the City website. Council Member Garza asked for a little background on his experience. Mr. Franklin explained his role at the Northwest Initiative and wanted to ask Council to fill in the gaps and spoke on a resource fair on June 24, 2023. He was encouraged to provide more details to Council so they can announce it to the public.

DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Muhammad Qawwee II; At Large Member; Diversity Equity and Inclusion Advisory Board; Term to Expire 6/30/2024

Council Member Garza went through the application and noted his previous role on the Mayor's Diversity Equity Inclusion, and career with Sparrow in their union. He then asked Mr. Qawwee why he wanted to be part of the Committee and what he can bring to it. Mr. Qawwee stated he has knowledge and experience he would like to bring to the City and focus on changes he thinks he needs to see.

Council Member Spitzley acknowledged Mr. Qawwee for his military service, and asked if he was willing to go out to the neighborhood groups to let people know what is going on with this Committee. Mr. Qawwee stated he would be more than willing, and has done some canvassing in the past for informing people to register to vote.

Council Member Brown asked if he has any commitment concerns with their meeting dates. Mr. Abood confirmed most advisory boards meet in the evenings.

Mr. Qawwee stated those could not be a problem, and he will be able to attend the Council meeting on April 10th for final action.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SPITZLEY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MUHAMMAD QAWWEE II; AT LARGE MEMBER OF THE DIVERSITY EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/30/2024.
MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on July 19, 2023