

MBI Board Meeting Transcript – 5-19-2022

00:00:00.000 --> 00:00:03.380

Robertson, Paul O

Sure. You're not waving the white flag already. We've we've just started.

00:00:04.160 --> 00:00:05.330

Howard

No, no, no, I'm good.

00:00:04.970 --> 00:00:05.380

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Hello.

00:00:08.020 --> 00:00:09.330

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Please can you guys hear me?

00:00:09.940 --> 00:00:11.230

Robertson, Paul O

Yep, loud and clear.

00:00:10.040 --> 00:00:10.360

Howard

Yes.

00:00:11.830 --> 00:00:21.650

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Can someone can someone send me the email so I don't have to use my phone because I I'm I'm be multitasking. I need the link. Can you email the link to me Sheila.

00:00:22.770 --> 00:00:23.400

Hummel, Sheila S

OK.

00:00:23.780 --> 00:00:29.530

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Was sent to my my personal email addresses. I can get it fast and my TI-10 DOG.

00:00:29.850 --> 00:00:30.430

Hummel, Sheila S

OK.

00:00:30.990 --> 00:00:37.690

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

I and I can jump on. I'll. I'll jump back on that way and then I I could do multiple things at one time. I appreciate it. Thank you.

00:00:34.550 --> 00:00:34.940

Robertson, Paul O

Great.

00:00:38.770 --> 00:00:39.690

Spencer, Alvetta

I'll send that, Sheila.

00:00:40.060 --> 00:00:44.000

Hummel, Sheila S

OK. Thank you. Thank you very much. Do you have his personal one?

00:00:44.460 --> 00:00:44.920

Spencer, Alvetta

Yes.

00:00:45.560 --> 00:00:47.430

Hummel, Sheila S

TI dog or something?

00:00:47.490 --> 00:00:48.360

Spencer, Alvetta

Yep, I have it.

00:00:47.750 --> 00:00:47.980

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Yeah.

00:00:48.820 --> 00:00:49.650

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

Something like that.

00:00:50.040 --> 00:00:51.730

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah. Yeah. OK.

00:00:51.030 --> 00:00:55.010

Sen. McCrory, Douglas

I would double. I'm gonna jump off and and rejoin you when it when I get it, alright?

00:00:54.610 --> 00:00:54.990

Robertson, Paul O

OK.

00:00:57.000 --> 00:01:02.900

Howard

So I think we did, Leticia. Is she gonna join us? I know she said she had an MRI this morning.

00:01:03.320 --> 00:01:05.040

Hummel, Sheila S

She was, she might call in.

00:01:05.970 --> 00:01:06.470

Howard

OK.

00:01:08.720 --> 00:01:17.650

Howard

OK. So when Doug gets back, we'll just go ahead and get started, if that's OK. I haven't heard from Roberta yet. Let me see if I can text her.

00:01:14.450 --> 00:01:14.910

Robertson, Paul O

OK.

00:01:19.550 --> 00:01:21.590

Hummel, Sheila S

You want me to bring the presentation up?

00:01:22.280 --> 00:01:22.950

Howard

Yes, please.

00:01:23.740 --> 00:01:25.020

Howard

Would the agenda?

00:01:25.940 --> 00:01:26.360

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah.

00:01:28.940 --> 00:01:33.950

GeorgeM (Guest)

Ohh Sheila, I think Leticia is knocking on your door.

00:01:36.940 --> 00:01:38.010

Hummel, Sheila S

Can you speak up?

00:01:38.600 --> 00:01:43.060

GeorgeM (Guest)

I think Leticia is knocking on your door. According to the text here.

00:01:44.180 --> 00:01:45.510

Hummel, Sheila S

Knock it on my ohh.

00:01:46.710 --> 00:01:47.720

Robertson, Paul O

I don't see her.

00:01:47.080 --> 00:01:50.630

Hummel, Sheila S

For crying, can you let her in or helveta?

00:01:51.800 --> 00:01:53.160

Vernon, Kerron

Yeah, I don't see her.

00:01:52.830 --> 00:01:54.450

Norfleet, George

I don't see her on the list.

00:01:54.620 --> 00:01:55.550

Robertson, Paul O

I don't see her either.

00:01:57.760 --> 00:01:59.710

Robertson, Paul O

George, you're seeing her and.

00:01:59.370 --> 00:02:02.240

Norfleet, George

No, no, no, I I do not see her as.

00:01:59.520 --> 00:02:00.490

GeorgeM (Guest)

Well, excuse.

00:02:01.940 --> 00:02:03.900

GeorgeM (Guest)

She's in the queue, apparently.

00:02:05.720 --> 00:02:06.750

Robertson, Paul O

I I don't see her.

00:02:15.810 --> 00:02:16.100

Norfleet, George

No.

00:02:23.270 --> 00:02:26.850

Pedro Soto

Maybe make sure that she has the right link if the link is.

00:02:27.280 --> 00:02:30.630

Robertson, Paul O

Yeah, that is odd that she showing up on Georges and no one else's.

00:02:28.090 --> 00:02:28.300

Pedro Soto

Good.

00:02:30.910 --> 00:02:32.400

Pedro Soto

I think she's texting George.

00:02:32.620 --> 00:02:33.860

Robertson, Paul O

Ohh that's what it is. OK.

00:02:33.700 --> 00:02:34.180

Norfleet, George

Ohh.

00:02:34.530 --> 00:02:41.020

Hummel, Sheila S

She was actually gonna call in. She is gonna be in a doctor's appointment, and she was gonna try to just call in.

00:03:39.950 --> 00:03:43.800

GeorgeM (Guest)

Sheila, maybe you want to give her a call. Maybe she's got the wrong link.

00:03:46.350 --> 00:03:47.960

Hummel, Sheila S

Now, do you have her cell number?

00:03:55.120 --> 00:04:00.700

GeorgeM (Guest)

860-690-5522.

00:04:01.840 --> 00:04:03.050

Hummel, Sheila S

55 what?

00:04:03.740 --> 00:04:04.420

GeorgeM (Guest)

22.

00:04:04.800 --> 00:04:08.150

Hummel, Sheila S

OK, I'll give you a call, put myself on mute and you guys can get.

00:04:11.350 --> 00:04:12.590

Howard

The dog make it back yet?

00:04:15.400 --> 00:04:16.750

GeorgeM (Guest)

Who doesn't look like it?

00:04:15.690 --> 00:04:16.100

Vernon, Kerron

No.

00:04:15.720 --> 00:04:16.110

Howard

Can't wait.

00:04:17.700 --> 00:04:18.010

Howard

OK.

00:04:18.730 --> 00:04:20.660

Robertson, Paul O

I don't. I don't see him on.

00:04:19.120 --> 00:04:19.470

Norfleet, George

That's it.

00:04:24.800 --> 00:04:26.730

Robertson, Paul O

Maybe another minute for Doug to jump in.

00:04:27.610 --> 00:04:27.990

Howard

Sure.

00:04:30.430 --> 00:04:31.190

Norfleet, George

She's coming in.

00:04:30.900 --> 00:04:31.930

Robertson, Paul O

There's talk, OK.

00:04:38.920 --> 00:04:42.590

McCrory, Douglas

See that one? Because every time I do this, I never, I never.

00:04:44.810 --> 00:04:48.070

McCrory, Douglas

Yeah. So I can see it, OK, I'm missing cycle.

00:04:49.170 --> 00:04:53.340

Robertson, Paul O

Or we could see and hear you, Doug, or, well, we can hear you. I don't see you.

00:04:50.980 --> 00:04:52.010

McCrory, Douglas

OK, I'm sorry.

00:04:53.720 --> 00:04:56.390

McCrory, Douglas

Alright, let me get my life. You're not gonna see me yet. Give me a minute.

00:04:56.610 --> 00:04:57.040

Robertson, Paul O

OK.

00:05:04.800 --> 00:05:05.220

McCrory, Douglas

OK.

00:05:05.140 --> 00:05:06.200

Robertson, Paul O

Alright, there we go.

00:05:10.170 --> 00:05:16.070

Hummel, Sheila S

Set up. Can someone let Leticia in? I got a message that she's in the waiting room. Can.

00:05:16.770 --> 00:05:17.740

Robertson, Paul O

I don't see her.

00:05:17.920 --> 00:05:18.470

Norfleet, George

Yeah.

00:05:19.340 --> 00:05:22.270

Hummel, Sheila S

I called her cell and she's not picking up so.

00:05:23.980 --> 00:05:26.160

Vernon, Kerron

I'm forwarding her the invite.

00:05:25.260 --> 00:05:26.310

Norfleet, George

Yeah, send her a link.

00:05:28.410 --> 00:05:29.380

Pedro Soto

What is her?

00:05:31.060 --> 00:05:36.810

Pedro Soto

And her cell phone? Again. I'll. I'll just. I can just do this 86 so.

00:05:34.700 --> 00:05:35.820

Hummel, Sheila S

860.

00:05:37.190 --> 00:05:38.530

Hummel, Sheila S

690.

00:05:39.420 --> 00:05:39.750

Pedro Soto

Yeah.

00:05:39.600 --> 00:05:41.010

Hummel, Sheila S

5522.

00:05:41.810 --> 00:05:44.520

Pedro Soto

OK, I have the link here copied.

00:05:45.950 --> 00:05:48.140

Hummel, Sheila S

It says that someone waiting in the lobby.

00:05:48.090 --> 00:05:49.900

Vernon, Kerron

Two people are waiting in the lobby now.

00:05:51.760 --> 00:05:52.550

Vernon, Kerron

I just let them know.

00:05:56.310 --> 00:05:56.700

Pedro Soto

OK.

00:06:00.240 --> 00:06:02.090

Vernon, Kerron

So they should be in the meeting now.

00:06:02.830 --> 00:06:03.040

Norfleet, George

That's.

00:06:06.580 --> 00:06:08.290

Robertson, Paul O

OK, who's two or three is that.

00:06:07.060 --> 00:06:09.500

Hummel, Sheila S

Do we do a roll call and we'll see who's in?

00:06:07.910 --> 00:06:09.510

Norfleet, George

And there's phones on now.

00:06:10.450 --> 00:06:11.670

Howard

Yeah, that might be Roberta.

00:06:11.470 --> 00:06:13.960

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Type. That was what you say joining.

00:06:14.810 --> 00:06:16.540

Robertson, Paul O

OK, in two oh threes, Roberta.

00:06:17.250 --> 00:06:20.120

Howard

Yeah, 509589. Yeah, that's Roberta.

00:06:17.370 --> 00:06:18.550

+12*****49

That made two free.

00:06:20.000 --> 00:06:22.500

Robertson, Paul O

OK, excellent. Alright. Then we should be set.

00:06:23.770 --> 00:06:29.980

Howard

Perfect. Uh, good afternoon everybody. Thank you very much for joining. It is now.

00:06:30.640 --> 00:06:31.140

Howard

Time is it?

00:06:33.180 --> 00:06:33.930

Howard

109.

00:06:34.410 --> 00:06:34.940

Robertson, Paul O

109.

00:06:35.970 --> 00:06:37.880

Howard

Uh, and we wanna bring the meeting to order.

00:06:39.780 --> 00:06:44.270

Howard

1st on the agenda is the approval of the Minutes for April.

00:06:51.140 --> 00:06:53.690

Howard

I didn't change a motion to approve the Minutes.

00:06:54.550 --> 00:06:56.280

McCrory, Douglas

Approve the Minutes, so move.

00:06:57.600 --> 00:06:58.210

Howard

The second.

00:06:59.810 --> 00:07:00.280

+12*****49

2nd.

00:07:01.280 --> 00:07:01.870

Howard

Thank you.

00:07:03.890 --> 00:07:06.820

Howard

All in favor any discussion? I'm sorry. Any discussion.

00:07:07.620 --> 00:07:09.710

GeorgeM (Guest)

I have to have stain. I was not around.

00:07:10.380 --> 00:07:11.020

Howard

OK.

00:07:10.810 --> 00:07:12.600

+18*****22

I have the pain. I also wasn't present.

00:07:13.280 --> 00:07:17.890

Howard

Thank you Leticia George. So, 22 abstentions.

00:07:19.530 --> 00:07:20.340

Howard

All in favor?

00:07:21.410 --> 00:07:21.800

McCrory, Douglas

Aye.

00:07:22.350 --> 00:07:22.580

+12*****49

Hi.

00:07:24.260 --> 00:07:24.670

Howard

Aye.

00:07:25.530 --> 00:07:26.070

McCrory, Douglas

Is it?

00:07:25.750 --> 00:07:26.230

Howard

Thank you.

00:07:27.070 --> 00:07:28.780

Howard

Is there another I Avery or?

00:07:31.030 --> 00:07:32.080

Howard

Pedro, thank you.

00:07:33.450 --> 00:07:34.800

Howard

OK, great. Thank you.

00:07:35.250 --> 00:07:41.770

McCrory, Douglas

Can it? We'll quickly. Can you guys? I can barely see the agenda. Can you make it a little larger? I know I'm getting old.

00:07:35.620 --> 00:07:35.940

Howard

All right.

00:07:43.900 --> 00:07:46.230

McCrory, Douglas

But I just the screen. Can you just make it a little larger?

00:07:46.480 --> 00:07:49.150

Hummel, Sheila S

OK, let me hold on. Yeah.

00:07:54.490 --> 00:07:55.450

Hummel, Sheila S

Let me see.

00:07:57.670 --> 00:07:58.530

Hummel, Sheila S

Thank you.

00:08:00.540 --> 00:08:01.190

Hummel, Sheila S

Zoom.

00:08:00.890 --> 00:08:03.140

Norfleet, George

Yeah, down in the right hand corner.

00:08:02.120 --> 00:08:03.380

Hummel, Sheila S

Uh, yeah.

00:08:07.320 --> 00:08:08.580

GeorgeM (Guest)

Was the event.

00:08:07.900 --> 00:08:11.160

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So while you're working while you're Howard while they're working on that.

00:08:09.640 --> 00:08:10.840

Hummel, Sheila S

Is that better is?

00:08:12.260 --> 00:08:13.170

Hummel, Sheila S

Is that better dog?

00:08:12.870 --> 00:08:13.940

Howard

Yeah, we're gonna.

00:08:12.880 --> 00:08:13.270

+18*****22

Howard.

00:08:13.390 --> 00:08:14.640

McCrory, Douglas

That's better. That's better.

00:08:15.160 --> 00:08:26.870

Howard

We're actually going to move into the to the discussion for the for the NBI, the direction of the NBA, and it's gonna be led by Paul, Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner Paul and Sheila.

00:08:28.440 --> 00:08:29.090

Howard

I'm sorry.

00:08:28.450 --> 00:08:53.260

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Awesome. I just want to say one thing, because I'm gonna have to get off the call, unfortunately, because I have a doctor's appointment that overlaps, but I just wanna be sure before I get off that I have the opportunity to just kind of briefly say that I think it's very critical that this board, you know, look at parity and ensure that when we are looking at moving forward with any action that I'd be insistent, you know, as a, as a Latino representative that.

00:08:34.210 --> 00:08:34.590

Howard

Yes.

00:08:53.380 --> 00:09:03.020

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We ensure that the language that we use is, is is finite and inclusive of the work that that this specific Commission is supposed to do.

00:09:03.620 --> 00:09:21.470

+18*****22

Umm, that's all. Just wanna make sure that I put that out there on the table right away and all fairness to the rest of the board members that you know, we need to be sure that we're really representing the mission and vision of the work, which is to change economic disparities and increase prosperity in minority communities. Thank you.

00:09:23.410 --> 00:09:24.210

Howard

Thank you, Leticia.

00:09:25.370 --> 00:09:27.090

Howard

Paul and and Sheila.

00:09:29.340 --> 00:09:32.170

GeorgeM (Guest)

How would have a question or maybe to Paul?

00:09:31.710 --> 00:09:31.980

Howard

Yes.

00:09:34.780 --> 00:09:35.140

Robertson, Paul O

OK.

00:09:34.810 --> 00:09:40.320

GeorgeM (Guest)

Which so we we got two meetings in April. So which is the regular meeting?

00:09:44.030 --> 00:09:49.140

Howard

The the regular meeting that we had a committee meeting that we were discussing.

00:09:49.760 --> 00:09:53.040

Howard

Umm, the direction of the of the entity?

00:09:53.760 --> 00:09:57.870

Howard

So it would have been the first would have been the 1st. I'm sorry, it would have been the second one.

00:09:59.440 --> 00:09:59.750

GeorgeM (Guest)

Just.

00:09:59.810 --> 00:10:00.010

GeorgeM (Guest)

No.

00:09:59.820 --> 00:10:03.650

Howard

So we had the the most members, so it would have been the first one.

00:10:04.600 --> 00:10:08.890

Hummel, Sheila S

The first one was the the board meeting was April 21st.

00:10:08.020 --> 00:10:08.320

Howard

Right.

00:10:09.330 --> 00:10:11.460

Howard

Right, that that's the regularly scheduled one.

00:10:12.840 --> 00:10:17.400

GeorgeM (Guest)

So the April, the, the one that you that was voted on was the April?

00:10:18.100 --> 00:10:19.910

GeorgeM (Guest)

April regular April minutes.

00:10:21.020 --> 00:10:21.570

Hummel, Sheila S

Yes.

00:10:22.490 --> 00:10:24.240

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK, so this is the the.

00:10:24.910 --> 00:10:25.920

GeorgeM (Guest)

Non regular meeting.

00:10:28.590 --> 00:10:30.600

Howard

What now you. Are you saying that now, George?

00:10:31.030 --> 00:10:37.000

GeorgeM (Guest)

Yeah, because monthly is a regular meeting. These are special meetings.

00:10:39.500 --> 00:10:40.040

GeorgeM (Guest)

Am I right?

00:10:41.050 --> 00:10:41.700

Howard

Was addicted.

00:10:41.190 --> 00:10:55.870

Robertson, Paul O

So is is the question being is the question of revoting on the approval of the last board minutes and then are you asking if we're going to vote on the follow up meeting in terms of approval of that? Is that what the question is?

00:10:56.360 --> 00:10:57.590

GeorgeM (Guest)

So the question is.

00:10:59.060 --> 00:11:01.760

GeorgeM (Guest)

For clarity sake, for the for the record here.

00:11:03.370 --> 00:11:08.310

GeorgeM (Guest)

Because it doesn't express at least say on these minute this information.

00:11:09.150 --> 00:11:21.040

GeorgeM (Guest)

Because we're having two April meetings, which one is the regular monthly you just played up minority meeting and which are special meetings.

00:11:16.180 --> 00:11:17.370

Hummel, Sheila S

OK, so 4.

00:11:22.600 --> 00:11:23.400

Howard

Good point. Good.

00:11:23.960 --> 00:11:27.340

Howard

I'm Sheila, which which one was it?

00:11:24.940 --> 00:11:25.270

McCrory, Douglas

4.

00:11:27.600 --> 00:11:30.240

Hummel, Sheila S

That this is the monthly board meeting.

00:11:31.550 --> 00:11:32.310

Howard

That's what I thought.

00:11:31.560 --> 00:11:38.110

GeorgeM (Guest)

So. So that means there needs to be a correction on that and then if that is a special meeting.

00:11:32.860 --> 00:11:33.200

Hummel, Sheila S

I don't.

00:11:40.310 --> 00:11:40.790

McCrory, Douglas

Ohh my.

00:11:40.330 --> 00:11:43.200

GeorgeM (Guest)

That was held on on earlier on.

00:11:44.620 --> 00:11:47.950

GeorgeM (Guest)

I don't know whether you can vote any.

00:11:48.800 --> 00:11:52.530

GeorgeM (Guest)

Things forward without a full regular monthly meeting.

00:11:52.960 --> 00:12:00.370

Hummel, Sheila S

We we've had the last monthly meeting was April 21st and these meeting these minutes are from the 21st.

00:12:02.530 --> 00:12:02.850

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

00:12:02.610 --> 00:12:10.290

McCrory, Douglas

So so get. So let me ask Sheila, Sheila, this is our April 21st. It was our regular schedule and BI mean, right?

00:12:04.110 --> 00:12:04.420

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

00:12:10.420 --> 00:12:11.510

Hummel, Sheila S

Right, exactly.

00:12:11.210 --> 00:12:13.770

McCrory, Douglas

OK. And that's and those the minutes we we're voting on, correct?

00:12:13.950 --> 00:12:15.170

Hummel, Sheila S

Right. OK.

00:12:14.750 --> 00:12:23.110

McCrory, Douglas

OK. And that's what we have done all the every time we've been here. So that's what we always do. So we we're just approving the our last monthly meeting, right.

00:12:14.920 --> 00:12:17.910

Hummel, Sheila S

Those are the minutes I sent out at the start of the week.

00:12:24.180 --> 00:12:24.770

Hummel, Sheila S

Yes.

00:12:24.920 --> 00:12:25.450

McCrory, Douglas

OK, good.

00:12:25.770 --> 00:12:26.460

GeorgeM (Guest)

Good, good.

00:12:26.180 --> 00:12:42.760

McCrory, Douglas

That's that's what we are cause guys, I I my day is very packed. I wanna get on with this conversation. This stuff is very, very, very important and time sensitive. So let's can we go through the presentation let's we voted on the meetings like we always do for the last minute.

00:12:43.430 --> 00:12:44.400

McCrory, Douglas

Then I mean.

00:12:45.230 --> 00:12:47.400

McCrory, Douglas

I'm sorry we got work to do.

00:12:50.120 --> 00:12:59.950

McCrory, Douglas

I mean just I just this is the way I'm at. So can we get on with this meeting we voted on to me, it's like we always do every month. We have a meeting. Those the meetings minutes we voted on.

00:12:50.300 --> 00:12:50.650

Howard

So.

00:13:02.300 --> 00:13:05.620

Howard

Next up is is, is, Paul and Sheila.

00:13:06.320 --> 00:13:22.310

Robertson, Paul O

OK. Well, let me let me just jump in says as you said, Doug, and thanks everyone for attending today. It's

really appreciated. We put a lot of time and effort into kind of where we are, where we're going and hopefully this conversation leads us to the next step.

00:13:23.750 --> 00:13:24.770

Robertson, Paul O

In a nutshell.

00:13:26.130 --> 00:13:47.360

Robertson, Paul O

You know, there's been a lot of conversation and discussion about the direction of MBTI in terms of what it has been, what it is, what it will be. And then the second part of that conversation is that where does MBI 2.0 go? What does it look like? And and that'll be the discussion today. So the piece that I'd like to share is that on May 27th.

00:13:48.520 --> 00:14:19.460

Robertson, Paul O

Jerry Garcia will be joining us as the point person in terms of working with the FBI and and kind of helping craft where I think this 2.0 goes, you know, with the direction of myself, George, Sheila and the rest are crew and the board, I think it will help construct kind of where both Senator Doug McCrory and Avery will be able to kind of look in and help guide the rest of this direction. So it's kind of a full package.

00:14:19.890 --> 00:14:34.230

Robertson, Paul O

To kind of where we're going. So I'm gonna turn it over to Sheila and then we will continue the discussion in terms of at least where the FBI is and kind of where we are per last minute. So Sheila, if you take it from here, that be.

00:14:33.910 --> 00:15:04.000

Hummel, Sheila S

OK. Well, thank you, Paul. First of all, I just wanna say it's been a pleasure working on this initiative. I know it's been bumpy at times. You know, I've been in and out. I know this board started in 2017 with Tony Carnes and Catherine Smith. And then I got involved, I think it was 2019 and it's been my pleasure working because this is such an important initiative. So I was looking at what we've done today and I think we really.

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Hummel, Sheila S

We've done a lot of good things.

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Hummel, Sheila S

Umm, like, let's start with girls for technology, we really ramp them up. We gave them an opportunity. We gave them close to \$400,000 to be able to.

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Hummel, Sheila S

Get to the next level, and now they're getting private funds and they're, you know, being being able to apply for larger grants. And they're really doing a great job. They really making an impact. And then BBA,

we know that they had a bumpy start. This was a lot of changes. But now that they have the new executive director and Marie Knight, she's taking it in a different direction.

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Hummel, Sheila S

And I think, you know, she's able to apply for larger grants. She's able to raise private funds. And I really think the name recognition of BA is out there now. So she's done a great job thanks to the, I would say, the funding from the MBI board and then MC the Minority Construction Council too.

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Hummel, Sheila S

They really had only a Hartford presence, and now they're statewide. They're in New Haven. They're in Bridgeport. And that's with the help of the funding from the NBI.

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Hummel, Sheila S

And then you know, we have to remember that during the pandemic.

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Hummel, Sheila S

We allocated 150,000 for PPE.

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Hummel, Sheila S

Remember that that we had head cold and Salama.

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McCrory, Douglas

Yeah.

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Hummel, Sheila S

So in statewide with face masks and gloves and you know, you kind of forget about all the different things that we've done and then inroads too, we funded them and you know, they did some great work too.

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Hummel, Sheila S

So I think as we move ahead, you know, now I'm looking at the balance, we have a balance of 88,000 and we have a new person, Jerry Garcia coming on. So the way like Paul was saying, we have to redefine MBI, we call it MBI 2.0. Where are we going? What's the need? What's the need for this? You know, I think he needs to get out there in the community. Talk to you know, I have focus groups, talk to the stakeholders.

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Hummel, Sheila S

Kind of flush it all out to really find out what the need is for all the parties out there and then you know, we need to align the legislation to what the needs are.

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McCrory, Douglas

Umm.

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Hummel, Sheila S

So I think by saying that I think we should open it up to discussion a discussion and you know, look for feedback and you know.

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Hummel, Sheila S

You know, I I hope to be, you know, somewhat involved with this board. But as we move ahead, Jerry Garcia under George Norfleet will taking the lead on this. So it's been a pleasure.

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McCrory, Douglas

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Robertson, Paul O

Thank you, shill.

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McCrory, Douglas

I just wanna ask Shelly, did a listen you did you did excel. Excellent job explaining where we were.

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Yep.

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McCrory, Douglas

Before and where we are now, and everything's I cosigned to everything she said. Cause I was there along the way. And you know, we were never set up. I don't think NBI idea was to actually sponsor or fun all organizations, but that's what we have done in the past and I in my opinion we've been very successful at it.

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OK.

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McCrory, Douglas

Umm, but now we're we're ready to take this opportunity. We have an FBI to another level where we can get a real resources to support support organizations now and and and our communities. And that's what I want to.

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McCrory, Douglas

Do and that's what I would like to get on paper so that we can find resources to get it done in those resources out present being presented right now under the Community Investment Fund. So when I when I speak about time sensitivity.

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McCrory, Douglas

That's really important because the applications are going out next week.

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McCrory, Douglas

Right. And they they in in July and that's for the first round of funding, which is about \$75 million. So I make my personal opinion unless I'm very busy, but I am committed to making this, this, this organization is an NBI too or whatever you wanna call it, the operational function to service our communities. That's what I'm looking. That's my goal. That's my perspective and that's how I wanna move forward. I'm just telling you from a legislative perspective because that's what I will support.

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McCrory, Douglas

And I'm sorry, I just jumped in, but that's what justice on my that's on my spirit right now. I got so many things going on that we have the we had a very good session. We had, we have got a lot of things past, but now it's now we gotta implement them and I'm I'm my mindset right now is implementation. So that's if I just want throw it out there and I'll be quiet, I'm done.

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Robertson, Paul O

Appreciate it.

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Howard

So I had a a leticia and I had some email exchanges prior to this meeting here. And Leticia, if you're comfortable with it and I'd like to, you know, sort of bring it out into the open, if that's alright with you.

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Sorry.

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Sure. I don't have any problem with that except for that I'm walking into a doctor's appointment right at this very moment, and I won't be able to express myself other than to say this. We have been having these calls and I have been bringing forward ideas, solutions, written documents, taking minutes and pushing forward the initiative to ensure that black and brown communities get a seat at the table and have equal access to allocations of funding and resources that will allow us to change that in dynamics of our communities and suddenly the proposal on the table looks to be an all black proposal.

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Howard

No.

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Which is very concerning because had that been the trajectory going forward, had I not seen it as a black and brown proposal that I would have done something differently and felt the need to be more defensive or to be clear on what, what percentage this and what percentage of that I was under the understanding that we were all moving forward with the initiative of ensuring we lifted to the communities who are most disparaged, which do include Latino communities alongside black communities. And now I'm a little concerned that that's not what I'm reading in the document.

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So either I've misinterpreted what's happening. I missed one meeting.

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In all the time I've been on this board.

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Or something majorly changed and I've misinterpreted it.

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What? What? What part are you referring to with Tisha?

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I'm referring to the proposal that's attached to the Minutes that you sent out.

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Howard

She's referring she's referring to specifically the Prosperity Foundation, which actually would, you know, the mission of the Prosperity Foundation is to enhance the black community. She's absolutely correct about that. But in the role of.

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Howard

It will. We're talking two separate things here. Now we started out talking about MBTI 2.0 Prosperity Foundation is it would play it. If you recall, we were looking to set up a separate entity outside of MB I.

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Howard

And the the prosperity, the proposal on the table has to do with this. The second entity, now the role that Prosperity Foundation would play, would be specifically fiduciary nature. It wouldn't be a decision making entity. There will be a separate board to oversee whatever monies.

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Howard

The entity is is housing so.

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Howard

You know, although Prosperity Foundation has a specific mission to deal with the black community, whatever decisions are made through the board.

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Howard

A that overseas the funds that will go into the the fund.

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Howard

Those decisions would be ratified by and and then followed through on the ratification by the Prosperity Foundation. So it's not it's not.

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Howard

It's not designed. You know, the proposal is not designed.

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Howard

Uh to be a specific black thing. It's designed just to be fiduciary in nature, by an organization that has a focus on black.

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Howard

And I think that's that's the piece that you may have miss.

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Yeah, that, that's what I understand. Yeah, that's what I that's our understanding too, because we talked about it in the last meeting about what organization can that's already set up that can be able to.

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It helped to be the fiduciary for the mission of what we're talking about at NBI or the new organization. So that's why I understood it too. So I didn't understand it the way it was just articulated it through Leticia. So we're on the same page there.

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Yeah.

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Howard

So.

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Howard

Well, and I know Leticia probably maybe walked into the the doctor's appointment.

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I am. I am at the doctor's appointment and I'm not gonna be able to clearly speak here in the room that I'm in, Howard, but I just wanna go on record for the minutes to say that I wasn't at that meeting, nor was I parted that discussion. Nobody called me about it. I don't know why anybody didn't, Paul or somebody. But all I can say is that I wish I wasn't a position to speak more clearly and more freely right now because I have a lot of things I'd like to say, but I can't.

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Howard

But you know, I like to.

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Howard

OK.

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Howard

Sure.

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So I think there has to be some discussion offline after this.

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You know, anyways, I have to get off the phone.

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Howard

Yeah, the, the, the two side actually did call you.

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Howard

I know she has to go.

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Yeah, Howard, no, I know you and I spoke, but 100% the way that this document is and the way that this looks to be set up to me is something that I definitely don't feel that I understood clearly. I don't know other Members feel if other board members feel any differently than me, but I definitely feel very concerned as a Latina that there's no representation at all of any of that work, which should directly try to this board and its mission vision and legislative outline like what we're required to do.

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Howard

So.

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Howard

Yep.

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Howard

Mm-hmm.

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So I look forward to speaking with you all later. Thank you.

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Howard

Yeah. And I I thank you the ticia.

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Howard

So others Pedro George.

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Pedro Soto

I mean.

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Howard

Paper.

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Pedro Soto

Yeah, I mean, I'm getting up to speed on this, but I think just to be clear, this is not this is the spin-off organization correct and not.

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Howard

Correct, correct.

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Pedro Soto

Not we're talking about, I mean, I think that.

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Pedro Soto

You know, I mean I I, I I see her. Her concerns.

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Pedro Soto

I'm the only one thing is saying that you know, just cause an organization has a specific mission and its existing and you're looking to do that. I guess you need to, you do need to make.

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Pedro Soto

Make it very clear on the goals and that they are aligned with representation right and equity across the whole.

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Pedro Soto

Umm. Sort of spectrum in the state of who's underserved?

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Pedro Soto

So that's my, you know my my two cents on that, I think that it's it's incumbent on the board to just obviously structure that going out if we're gonna be spinning off an organization and giving them a charge that has to be lined out with metrics and goals and things.

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Pedro Soto

Overtly rather than just having it be an expectation, you know, fiduciaries one thing and then obviously the mission, the vision, the values have to.

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Pedro Soto

The charge has to be pretty clear in terms of.

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Pedro Soto

What the outcomes are going to be?

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Yeah, my understanding is still in draft form and that's what we're working on.

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As well, that's my understanding.

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Pedro Soto

Umm.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

So.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Two things. One.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Uh.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

We may not all be active in every for the next few years. We may be active for the next couple of years or not no longer than that. But the point is we want this entity secondary entity to be something long standing.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

And if that is the case, whose selects those board members who are the equity with?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Will there be equity for all minorities, so to speak, in this prosperity board? Who are the ones that is going to be picking those members? Who decides those?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

So there is a.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Deeper sense of.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Need for evaluation.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Ohh.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Keeping.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

The ratio in some level.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

That matches the state ratio.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Of how many people on the board and what their colors are otherwise.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

This is going to come into another.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Gonna get gummed up and we'll have problems two years down the road and that doesn't help any of us trying to cobble this thing together. That's number 1 #2. If you plan to use prosperity as a pass through.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

That goes back to the problem number one. You don't know the makeup of the board. Then there will be this instinctive biasness on who gets what and who opposes that cause. The fiduciary bought controls the purse strings.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

So.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Maybe it's a novel idea.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

And and and and and the senator knows this entity better. There is an entity called CWC SEO.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Uh, which is a legislative arm.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

It is under legislative control and oversight.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

That may provide.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Equally, the strength of a legislative.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Value proposition that Doug could pull.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

And I don't know and it's also.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

As.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Equity amongst all the different minority bodies, if you just, you can get it as a fiduciary pass through.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

That's my two points.

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Howard

Thank you, George.

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Howard

I I I wanna. I wanna say this here, right.

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Howard

There's all kinds of boards.

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Howard

That.

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Howard

Are in existence right now that don't have a black or minority representation?

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Howard

And it's just OK.

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Howard

There's all kinds of of agreements that are made for pass throughs and minority or black people more specifically are not even an afterthought.

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Howard

This is bringing this is being extremely intentional, and it goes back to a long standing issue. I wish to I could have shared the emails that I sent out to Leticia.

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Howard

But it goes back to addressing.

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Howard

What the way I look at it as as an inequitable situation or issue that is, that has been long standing.

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Howard

This idea of TPF becoming or being a a fiduciary.

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Howard

Is is just, it's a it's, it's a. It's a way.

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Howard

To say that this is a, this is a new beginning of how we how we address issues in the Community.

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Howard

To just check the box to say OK, we keep keep track of how many Latinos, how many blacks we have, we could we could we could check the box and then aesthetically optically it'll look like we're doing something. But the philosophy how people think and the experiences that people have are very, very, very different.

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Howard

So yes, TPF is is designed to address issues of the black community. However you you all know this that within the black community we're extremely diverse.

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Howard

Uh, we have Afro Cuban. We have Afro Latinos. We have whites and blacks. So. So we're extremely diverse. So at the end of the day.

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Howard

You know helping.

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Howard

A helping black folks.

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Howard

While it's not a very popular thing to do, it's not a very popular thing to to support black leg causes.

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Howard

To help black folks is actually to help everybody. That's the way I look at it and that's because of the the matrix of this country, right, of how things are designed. So we're trying to now we're trying to redesign something that will work. There's no anti anybody in any black community that I know of that I that I that I run in. So I understand where we are with this, I understand exactly.

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Howard

What latisha's point is, I understand Pedro's point. I understand your point, George, but it should not. This should not be viewed as a threat.

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Howard

Nor should it be viewed as competition because the.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

No, no, no, no, no, no, no. How it is not a threat issue.

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Howard

You're like, let me let me finish yours.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

There's gonna be time, and you and I won't be around. That's what I'm worried about.

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Howard

Everything.

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Howard

Yeah.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Or Doug.

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Howard

Yeah. They they. Yeah, yeah, I understand that. What which is which is the reason why, you know, we have to send specific type of messages that this is what we want right to to be able to ensure that equity is is in perpetuity. That's what the organization is about. It's about being in perpetuity. So it's a deliberate, it's a deliberate move. Just like in my personal opinion, I think that Jerry Garcia's position is a very deliberate and strategic move at the same time.

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Howard

We have a Latino person who will be heading up MBTI minority business initiative. We've been accused of being too black heavy on on this on this committee. So being having Jerry Garcia there is I think is a it was a good move is a great move because it it gives the appearance that we're being more diverse. So I'll I'll stop then I'll let other folks chime in.

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McCrory, Douglas

For for sake of trying to continue the conversation and move forward, I wanna go back to what Pedro said, Pedro said. As long as this this entity is in line with the things that we want to see and get solved.

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McCrory, Douglas

In our communities across the state.

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McCrory, Douglas

It doesn't matter what prosperity ***** she want to do. They're just a food dictionary agency. We're going to tell them how we wanna execute what we want to see done. So the fact that it could have been, it could have been, I don't know, if some people have just felt, though, if it was Wells Fargo Bank where they feel comfortable being if additional I don't, it could have been any fiduciary. I don't have a problem with it being.

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McCrory, Douglas

Umm, whatever prosperity. I don't have a problem that it could have been. It could put Sama. It could have been any. All that institution is gonna do is do. Do what we say we want done. That's it. They don't have any decision making. They don't have any policymaking. They have nothing.

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McCrory, Douglas

They do what we tell them to do the the direction of what we wanna do comes from this board.

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McCrory, Douglas

And with an addition of my man, just that they just hired.

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McCrory, Douglas

We have, we have, we have voices of different colors. After that, violence on the board and if we need to diversify a bring up some other bike, that's fine guys. We can sit here and fight with stuff that's been fighting over 400 years in this country. I ain't got time for it.

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McCrory, Douglas

You know what? I got time for. I got time for solutions. And you know I have right now is an opportunity to get solutions. So y'all gonna sit here and keep going back and forth about this question is black. And this person is brown. They're not. I ain't got time for that.

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McCrory, Douglas

I need I need. I need us as a this board coming up with our direction, our vision for what we wanna see done in our communities and we go after the resources and get them done. What? What? I my belief.

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McCrory, Douglas

In in what we have done is country in the state. We have given every other organ ethnic background besides black male preview. This is decisions to make on our Community and this is where they got us now we have opportunity for us to make the decisions within our Community and give give us the resources to do it and y'all don't understand that right now I ain't got no time for you. I'll walk away from all this.

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McCrory, Douglas

And we ought to sit there and fight over Stardust while other communities and Leticia is absolutely like other communities, are sitting on hundreds of millions of dollars that they getting from the state of Connecticut to continue to operate the way they are doing.

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McCrory, Douglas

And you don't have anything.

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McCrory, Douglas

Right, but sawdust and complain about what the system systematic racism have done for you the last four years. They're making them feel, though you can't work together.

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McCrory, Douglas

I don't work with people like that. I don't waste my time with it. I will take my resources, go fine on group of other people who think like me and think like others and get things done.

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McCrory, Douglas

Y'all sit here and keep arguing over \$0.50.

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McCrory, Douglas

I'm telling you where I'm at.

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McCrory, Douglas

So that's all I want. That's if anyone wants to go back and forth about that y'all do it. Do that at the next meeting.

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McCrory, Douglas

I need to continue to hear what Paul and what what, what, what, Sheila, what I would say, who I wasn't. Never very supportive of was Sheila. When I first got violent. But I tell you one thing, Sheila. Get things done.

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McCrory, Douglas

And she's very fair.

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OK.

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McCrory, Douglas

So I would love the fact that she wanted to come out to work with and for her to say that she has watched us.

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McCrory, Douglas

Come from where we are to where we are now with the opportunity to have before us speaks volume.

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McCrory, Douglas

So we gonna continue, we y'all have that. The rest of that conversation. Yeah. Y'all can't get along because you don't want parts there because it's too black and don't understand what Pedro was saying. Like, it doesn't matter what it's saying. That what we wanna see done is gonna what be done y'all have that conversation at 2:30 at right. We're not up until 2:30. I'm gonna have this conversation about moving this product before so we can put a proposal together in front of him and me and my colleagues before the end of the summer.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

No, no, no. We we don't know what prosperity is.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Doug, we do not know what prosperity is. I have not seen it. I've not seen.

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McCrory, Douglas

And the other conversation that took the I got into, I got 45 minutes.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

I haven't seen what prosperity is. I haven't seen any draft of it, so I don't know what prosper.

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McCrory, Douglas

I don't care what's our security is. I don't care what prosperity is. I know they're gonna do what this board tells them to do.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

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Robertson, Paul O

Avery. Thoughts. Comments.

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Gaddis, Avery

To Georgia's point, I believe someone was gonna give us a presentation of the organization and that that might that might help out some folks. I went online and checked it out and and I lined my comments with Senator Mcflurries for for me it's really simple.

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Gaddis, Avery

I am personally looking for a vehicle where we could get resources now while we figure out the next steps. So if the we have a fiduciary where the state can send some money to their accounts and we continue to do the good work for the communities, that's fine. We're not gonna boil an ocean overnight, but at least at least a speed is is important to me and and be an agile. So I I really don't want to. You know, that's why I'm silent a lot. I don't want to get into how.

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Gaddis, Avery

The sausage is made. I just wanna taste the sausage at the end of the day, you know? So I like my my sentiment and comments with Senator McCrory. However, I do. And I am sensitive to laticia's concerns and George's concerns. Georgia's always thoughtful. So. But I I think I think we're saying I think we're all saying the same thing. So if someone could give us an overview of the organization, that would be great.

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Robertson, Paul O

Right.

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Robertson, Paul O

I I.

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Robertson, Paul O

I think that would be back to her.

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McCrory, Douglas

And before you do that, let me just say look before that I love the T shirt I got. I had a kind of a whole hour conversation. I just wanna let you know we will always be on the same page. I'm always gonna support like, teacher. She she's that voice from the from the Brown community that I've been waiting for for a long time. So I listen. What she's always going to be supportive and I understand her perspective. Right guys. I gotta take this call.

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Howard

Sure.

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Howard

OK, so I'll give the overview of the prosperity foundation, George and Avery and everybody on the call here. But before I do that, I wanna help you to understand that.

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McCrory, Douglas

Hello.

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Howard

You know, I've been working in the black community for a very, very long time. I've been extremely, extremely silent and sort of under the radar with things Prosperity Foundation is an organization. It is a 501C3. It has been this way since 2015, but it has been doing work in the community since 2009.

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Howard

It is a a Community Foundation, so if you understand with the Fairfield Community Foundation is or the Hartford Community Foundation is you understand what the Prosperity Foundation is, they hold a they aggregate philanthropic dollars, they endow those funds.

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Howard

Uh, and then they register.

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Howard

Just restrict cute, redistribute those resources back into communities. According to the donor advised

fund or the fund agreement. So in this case you'd have a fund agreement to say, look, we have these funds and they're supposed to be used in a certain way.

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Howard

And we have a board and whatever decisions are made, you bring that to the prosperity foundations board that's ratified in in the funds are dispersed. So that's sort of kind of the.

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Howard

The basic overview of the Prosperity Foundation, but it is also a way for organizations in the community for them to have an opportunity to receive grants. A lot of smaller organizations don't have access to larger foundations, which is one of the positions that we wanted to play so that we can figure out a way to get monies and resources down into these smaller organizations that are actually doing work, that it's not on the radar.

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Howard

Typically they are black and they are brown. We're focused specifically on black per se, but it's not uncommon for us to grant funds where there's brown folks there as well. So the mission is to create a unique impact in the black community by investing organizations that address disparities in the areas of health, education, and economics.

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Howard

Our cultural core values are cultural competency, equity and economic sustainability.

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Howard

Leading through accountability.

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Howard

Independent and donor engagement and collaboration.

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Howard

So you know, as I said back in 2009 of the prosperity.

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Howard

Uh Foundation was what we call the Urban Prosperity Fund, and it was a component fund of the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

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Howard

And it was this established to promote philanthropy within the black community and then encourage folks to be philanthropic back into the community. So figuring out a way to capture some of those

philanthropic dollars and channeling it into areas that would help to address some of the underlying issues that existed.

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Howard

You know, since a prosperity foundation has been a legal entity in 2015, they've awarded well over \$500,000 to over 90 nonprofits throughout Connecticut. Our focus area right now has been in the Fairfield County, Hartford County and also New Haven County. We've done some work and also in the New London County, but we've girls for technology and in fact was one of our we we were one of the first.

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Howard

Of foundations to to support the girls for technology. So we we've, we've done this work for, for, for for some time and just again FYI this is my brainchild full disclosures, my brainchild in the work that I do you know in the Community is sort of it's building structures that would that would support and and and help the Community to get to different levels so.

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Howard

The black, the Black Business Alliance or the Prosperity Foundation and also you. You've heard me mention Renaissance district, which is more programmatic.

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Howard

So this this is actually work done well over 10 years that I've been working on sending them acquires aware of it. Glendolyn Thames was was very much aware of it.

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Howard

Even David is aware of it. And of course, if I had conversations with with Paul about this.

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Howard

And. And Roberta had knows about this. So this is a plan that is not come from me personally. This comes from doing a feasibility studies in the Community doing case for supports and focus groups.

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Howard

A over the years as to what people are looking for in the community, my role and my my goal for my community is to tie a healthy, thriving black community. I feel very strongly that if the healthy if there's a healthy black, thriving black community, I believe that most communities are gonna benefit from that because that's the way to structures of America are. So with that said, we, we do also manage.

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Howard

Funds we have currently, I think just over \$300,000 in several different accounts where we're managing where where people have donated these funds, the Hartford Foundation has given us maybe a year or

so ago, maybe a year and a half, they've granted \$1,000,000 over to us and we're working on another multi year grant Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Of course Graustein Memorial Fund.

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Howard

Nelly Foundation, Tito's vodkas. KeyBank. Eagle Credit Union, Eversource foundation. So we we're we're receiving funds and and we're redistributing funds in the Community focusing on economic development, health and education.

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Howard

And I'll take some questions if anybody has any questions.

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I don't have any questions. How did a great job with explaining that. So I I don't have any questions.

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Pedro Soto

I.

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Pedro Soto

I have just two questions I think.

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Pedro Soto

So in terms of the the money that would be receiving as a pass through would be intent be to set it up as something akin to a donor advised fund.

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Pedro Soto

Umm, where MBI would be making recommendations and then?

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Pedro Soto

Those those directions would be then.

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Pedro Soto

Uh. Followed through.

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Pedro Soto

Umm by organization? Or would it be it? Would it be a different model? And then do we have any? And I I'm sure we've talked about this in terms of the amount of money. Where are we talking about?

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Howard

Well, that that would, you know, we'd have to discuss that amount or whatever that amount is because we have to look at, you know, how many different communities are we going to impact, you know first right? So.

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Howard

Pedro, just an FYI, you know I've been working with the Hartford. It's called the Harvard Renaissance. I've been working on that project for probably a good, you know, 8-8 years now.

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Howard

And just to kind of bring you up, bring you up to speed with that?

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Howard

You know we have, we've, we have relationships of course with the, with the grassroots community, which it's actually their vision of a redeveloping their area, the bricks and mortar, the culture and also the people. So we have relationships with the City of Hartford, the Economic Development Department, who's helping us on the.

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Pedro Soto

Umm.

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Howard

The construction piece and and the zoning and all of that good stuff, anything that has to do with development, we have hired a a developer. He's out of out of.

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Howard

Henderson, NC, who has master planned and working on a master plan of the area. We have one place identified as a starting project. Along with this plan, there's a there's a plan for.

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Howard

Uh for for health mental health. There's the plan for housing.

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Howard

Low and moderate income housing and then also market rate housing.

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Pedro Soto

Umm.

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Howard

There's also a plan where we coordinate with the Community safety coalition, you know, of course, you

know, in in urban settings, there's crime is, is always a challenge. So we have assembled the A Community safety coalition who has committed to working along with the with Renaissance district to create a safety plan. This this structure is being created right now with.

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Howard

Are the nobles group? It's called it's the black police chiefs of Connecticut. They've committed their time to help to create a safety plan for for the area. We're also working with the black social Workers of Connecticut who have agreed to work with the mental health piece to help people to.

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Howard

Yeah. So they become life coaches, so the the the plan is multifaceted and it's endorsed, as you can see by multiple sectors of the Community who actually have their own plan. So we're we're working on the actual budget, how much money we need or how much money is needed for this.

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Howard

They're all working on their piece and we'll we'll pull it all together soon and we'll have an idea of what it would cost for at least the Hartford Renaissance district. Now the idea is to say, well, look, we wanna go down to New London, is there as a community in New London, is there a community in Bridgeport? Is there community in Waterbury, is there community in New Haven?

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Howard

These the communities can step up and say, listen, this is what we want from the state. This is how we decide that we want economic development to take place in our own communities. That's the power of the of the Renaissance district, cause it's all community grassroots LED, so to speak. And then you you, you bring the professionals around it. Now, as far as the fiduciary piece, yes, I think you're right. You know it would be set up in in a in a way that you know once.

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Howard

The Board of the one there has to be a board that's set up for these funds. Once the board decides how the funds are gonna be used, and that's how they're used. Prosperity Foundation has no control over the funds at all. We have a Purdue diary responsibility to ensure that those funds are invested, protected, dispersed and that IRS is satisfied with the way that the funds are being handled.

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Pedro Soto

OK, so something like board makeup?

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Howard

Sure.

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Pedro Soto

Is yet to be determined. OK.

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Howard

Absolutely.

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McCrory, Douglas

How I.

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Gaddis, Avery

And Pedro, uh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry, Howard, go ahead.

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Howard

It's, it's again, it's not let.

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Howard

And it just won't just so we clear, it's the decisions of how the monies are spent are not left to the prosperity foundations board. It's left up to the board that's created.

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Pedro Soto

OK.

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Pedro Soto

Thank you.

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Howard

You're welcome. Hey.

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Pedro Soto

Right.

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Gaddis, Avery

And and and I I I would imagine, and maybe I'm speaking out of turn, but I would imagine that from a strategic standpoint, Howard and his peers that are part of that body can entertain them, entertain some representation from the Latino community to kind of round that out. Because I, I do see that as a legitimate concern, especially with the whole. I think it's a fad with the diversity, equity and inclusion.

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Gaddis, Avery

You know.

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Gaddis, Avery

So I I I like I I like it. I I I like it. I see what Howard's presenting here. It's the picture to me is very clear. It offers us a vehicle that's ready made.

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Gaddis, Avery

And I like it. I support it.

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McCrory, Douglas

I I have a quick I have a quick question. Howard, in regards to you, you mentioned Harper Foundation.

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McCrory, Douglas

And you also mention.

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McCrory, Douglas

New Haven Foundation does the the the organization prosperity? They have a already a working relationship with those two foundations.

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McCrory, Douglas

Currently it does prosperity have a working relation with how foundation in New Haven Foundation.

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Howard

Yeah, Prosperity Foundation has a working relationship with the New Haven Foundation, which they actually will act as they act as we have a a revocable agreement with them.

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Howard

Umm, where they act as our back office. They, you know, they help us with the investment of the funds. You know, we have to make sure that you get the best investment for the for the return on the dollars that are are managed. So we do have that working relationship with them. They also have have a they're giving us a multi year grant so that we can continue our granting within our Community based upon how we feel it's important to invest in our Community.

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McCrory, Douglas

OK.

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McCrory, Douglas

So so.

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McCrory, Douglas

The reason?

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Howard

We have that same type of relationship with the Hartford Foundation and that they will. They have given us grants. They've also funded the feasibility study for the Renaissance district, just FYI. So we do have a, a, a working relationship with them and we have a really good relationship with the Fairfield County Community Foundation where we, we just need to sort of cement how we're gonna engage down.

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McCrory, Douglas

So.

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Howard

In Fairfield County, we're working on that process now.

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McCrory, Douglas

So I thanks for the answer and the reason why I asked is because I know the how foundation they have a they have a boatload of dollars, they have a boatload resources, and the only reason I'm saying that because there's again another way to partner with another other organizations throughout the state, because initiative issues all over the state of Connecticut. They're not just in Harford, they're just New Haven. They're Fairfield County.

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Howard

Yes.

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McCrory, Douglas

I'm sure they got some type of foundation out in in New London County that you know, you guys can that the prosperity can partner with to get the partner with overall that and that's the reason why I wanted to make those connects because I know they have resources too. So it's if you already have a working relationship and geographically you have an opportunity to touch all areas of the state, that all right, appreciate that.

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Howard

Yep.

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Howard

Yes.

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Howard

Yeah. And that, that, that is the actual that that is the plan that's been the strategic plan for the prosperity foundation from inception was to create these relationships, right? So just like, you know, if you're in business, you know you have these specific competition as territories and things like that, the community foundations, they sort out the same way, right. So I sat on the board at the Community Foundation with Greater New Haven for seven years. So I had a chance to understand how these foundations operate.

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Howard

So ohh, by the way we're we does the there's a Connecticut Community Foundation which is in Waterbury will choose done some work in Waterbury as well. So we are defining.

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Gaddis, Avery

I sit on that board.

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Gaddis, Avery

I'm gonna trustee of that organization.

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Howard

Oh, you do? OK, great.

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Howard

OK, wonderful. Yeah. OK. So, so you'll you'll know that we've done some work there as well in in Waterbury, so yes.

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Howard

Umm, we we you know, instead of going to to each foundation and say in fighting with them and say hey look you know we need you to focus on black philanthropy we can come in with a with a very narrow focus of of addressing disparities in black communities and partner with the foundation and make the relationship easier. There's certain pockets within within every community that most foundations do not reach so these are the spaces that we that we.

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Howard

We claim, and we we reached them and we help bring people along, just like Sheila mentioned that, you know, we're able to bring organizations along and help them to grow up. We've done the same thing

with with other organizations, with the very little resources that we have in the in our corporate office, so.

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Howard

And what else questions?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

How would you know? Me. I'm a.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

I'm in a Bank of a 35 years. My fiduciary role is somehow chiseled in me.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

As a graduate.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

I'm out. I cannot support this. I rather if this went to.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

This fiduciary, or rather the pass through was the Hartford Foundation itself.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Who's got a public?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Respect and image and a seasoned workforce which is equally diverse that caters to the entire state.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Then starting a new.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

And I just looked up your website.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

It just I rather make sure that we provide trust.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

There is more chance of getting grants and funding coming from an established brand and reputation that is known throughout the country.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Like the output foundation then starting a new, even though it is 7 years old.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

And and I'd say it with full respect, I'm just trying to be absolutely a.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

I'm taking my personal interest out. It's just a very objective way.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

I cannot support this because there's so many anomalies that would be so many distrust.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

From all over, even amongst the black community or even amongst the board members, whoever we choose, whoever we appoint there is always gonna be a seed of doubt. There's always going to be.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Apprehension.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

So if if Doug is looking for a pass through, I will support if it goes through the Hartford Foundation.

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Umm. George, can you just elaborate a little bit more of what's causing you to think about the trust issue? So I'm trying to understand the basis.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

It's it's.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

It's a basic composition. It's a basic nature of business is done. I've seen these kind of things all over the world as a fiduciary.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Not that there's a black or white or whatever kind of a thing that's a fiduciary. They are far more signs to it that's involved than being involved.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

On a cursory manner.

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So what's making you think that they're not capable of doing it?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Time experience.

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So the track record that.

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Howard

What would I be doing, George?

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Yeah.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

That.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Say that again.

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Howard

What? What? What? What is the responsibility?

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GeorgeM (Guest)

Ohh, that's far too numerous. They're far too numerous. You also need the the resources, the man how manpower, the system, the technologies, the back office, the whole bunch of stuff to stop this immediately to hit the tarmac.

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GeorgeM (Guest)

We are not ready. You're not ready? Absolutely not. I will not give you my money. Even. I mean, I'm just saying my money. Not not the not the legislative money. Because I just will not do that. So.

01:01:57.060 --> 01:02:07.730

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I'm I'm still having a hard time understanding what this is based on and you say numerous things, but you haven't made. I don't. I don't know what this is based on and.

01:02:05.470 --> 01:02:06.520

GeorgeM (Guest)

It's pretty.

01:02:07.570 --> 01:02:08.090

GeorgeM (Guest)

Extra.

01:02:09.290 --> 01:02:09.900

GeorgeM (Guest)

Roberta.

01:02:09.610 --> 01:02:11.370

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Excuse me? Mm-hmm.

01:02:10.650 --> 01:02:12.010

GeorgeM (Guest)

Expertise.

01:02:13.390 --> 01:02:14.410

GeorgeM (Guest)

Background.

01:02:13.970 --> 01:02:16.160

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So you're saying they don't have the experience?

01:02:16.950 --> 01:02:20.550

GeorgeM (Guest)

As far as hybrid foundation is compared to here, they don't.

01:02:20.610 --> 01:02:28.140

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No, no, but but we're is in the mission also of our board. Are we looking at minority owned businesses and organizations.

01:02:28.780 --> 01:02:31.540

GeorgeM (Guest)

But we're talking about a pass through agency, Andre.

01:02:31.880 --> 01:02:35.420

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You're. Yeah. We talked about pass through agency. That happens to be minority.

01:02:38.410 --> 01:02:39.640

GeorgeM (Guest)

Their husband if.

01:02:40.490 --> 01:02:45.140

GeorgeM (Guest)

Doug was saying he doesn't care which entity it is.

01:02:46.070 --> 01:02:48.790

GeorgeM (Guest)

And the fact that it covers the whole state.

01:02:50.000 --> 01:03:01.470

GeorgeM (Guest)

I'm tethering on to what Doug is saying. We want an establish name that has the reputation in the marketplace that will ultimately benefit.

01:03:02.510 --> 01:03:08.180

GeorgeM (Guest)

All minority initiatives that we were to roll out because that's a brand name.

01:03:09.240 --> 01:03:10.610

GeorgeM (Guest)

It's a matter of choosing.

01:03:11.480 --> 01:03:15.810

GeorgeM (Guest)

Nike or you want to choose a brand that you've never heard of to buy it?

01:03:15.630 --> 01:03:43.420

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And they both do the same thing, cause shoes on your feet. So if it's a matter of choice for me, I will rather use a company that is in line with our mission with the minority company. There's already relationships built with Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, these other entities that are already supporting this organization. So there is a track record and there's back if I heard it correctly, they're backup resources with I believe it was in New Haven.

01:03:44.580 --> 01:03:59.600

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Confidently havens organization. I can't remember which one. Howard stayed it, but they're already relationships there, so it's it's not for me. It's more of a like a. It makes sense for us to work with a minority company.

01:03:57.430 --> 01:04:01.580

GeorgeM (Guest)

So how many people do you? How you, Roberto? How many people do you have?

01:04:00.650 --> 01:04:12.450

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But I I think this is the this is we're not gonna settle this in this conversation here. But if I unless you can give me something that makes more sense. This is a little bit surprising to me.

01:04:13.760 --> 01:04:16.060

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What you're saying, but at any rate.

01:04:15.150 --> 01:04:18.370

GeorgeM (Guest)

So how many people do you have in the organization, Roberta?

01:04:19.540 --> 01:04:22.060

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Do I have an organization? This is not my organization.

01:04:20.720 --> 01:04:23.210

GeorgeM (Guest)

Play in in prosperity. How many employees?

01:04:24.760 --> 01:04:30.950

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I I don't. I don't know how many employees and I don't know how many independent contractors the point is, can they get their job done?

01:04:31.650 --> 01:04:34.630

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Effectively, efficiently and can execute what we gave them.

01:04:32.860 --> 01:04:37.200

GeorgeM (Guest)

No, I disagree. You're on that. If you don't know who you do.

01:04:36.320 --> 01:04:40.460

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I'm. I'm not gonna go back and forth. We can move the agenda on, but I'm just surprised.

01:04:38.310 --> 01:04:40.270

GeorgeM (Guest)

You're giving who you're giving money to.

01:04:40.780 --> 01:04:48.620

McCrory, Douglas

So at this point I I think I think everyone, I think everyone's made their opinions made this out there.

01:04:42.620 --> 01:04:43.590

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Thank you, Doug.

01:04:50.480 --> 01:05:18.550

McCrory, Douglas

And I and and I'm not quite sure I will. I will looking to vote to move for or we still iron out. How we gonna do this and George. And just for the record I mentioned I mentioned the Hopper Foundation, other First Nations and making sure they have a relationship with, with, with prosperity. Not because I think they're they're they're we need them. I just. I just wanted to explain that.

01:05:18.970 --> 01:05:44.600

McCrory, Douglas

That that's how far I mean Prosperity Foundation is already working in collaboration with all these quote UN quote established foundations. So. And I was saying that just we say because I'm looking at going after other resources. So when you see when you see prosperity is collaborating with the Howard Foundation, New Haven founded the Stanford, Connecticut Foundation then that gives us an opportunity to go after more resources. I I would never thought that.

01:05:45.620 --> 01:06:14.270

McCrory, Douglas

This collaboration was going to be done because that was organizations do what we need to do better than us or I believe they're ice is colder in my eyes. Absolutely no way in the world and and and I think I think Roberto was right. If we're organization called a minority organization and I hate you that words and I hate using worse than personal color because I'm not that. But if we're that entity, why would we put all our resources in the hands of another?

01:05:52.760 --> 01:05:53.340

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Absolutely.

01:06:13.670 --> 01:06:14.750

GeorgeM (Guest)

No, no, no, no, no.

01:06:14.930 --> 01:06:31.310

McCrory, Douglas

A resources they had not resources because again, they're not getting our resources. All they are is a passive. Why would I take all this work and effort it did with all this brainchild, all this brown and meddling and people are here and say, hey for, however foundational. Hey, you do it for me? Hell no. I ain't doing that.

01:06:31.880 --> 01:06:33.200

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Yep, and I don't care if I would.

01:06:32.060 --> 01:06:44.060

McCrory, Douglas

Out of this, if I'm gonna. If I'm gonna win, lose or draw and try to change the trajectory of my community, I want the opportunity to change it with my my people all the way around. And that's why I have. I'm work.

01:06:32.100 --> 01:06:34.100

GeorgeM (Guest)

But you're replicating the same thing.

01:06:36.050 --> 01:06:36.690

GeorgeM (Guest)

I'm missing.

01:06:42.310 --> 01:06:45.430

GeorgeM (Guest)

So Doug, I'm missing going then I'm I'm confused.

01:06:42.990 --> 01:06:43.440

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Even.

01:06:46.290 --> 01:07:07.980

GeorgeM (Guest)

Because so I'm confused, so please help me out here if you're looking for a pass through and we the board are going to be telling Hartford Foundation how that money should be spent and if it's just a pass through and Hartford Foundation doesn't control the money, it's just a pass through.

01:06:46.400 --> 01:06:46.790

McCrory, Douglas

I'm not.

01:06:48.340 --> 01:06:49.630

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I'm not going to use either.

01:06:51.110 --> 01:06:51.420

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And.

01:07:08.920 --> 01:07:20.040

GeorgeM (Guest)

Why aren't we tapping them? Because they have a brand name that we can raise more money for our minorities.

01:07:20.790 --> 01:07:21.980

GeorgeM (Guest)

They're making our puppy.

01:07:21.080 --> 01:07:21.840

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But we.

01:07:21.130 --> 01:07:52.860

Gaddis, Avery

Uh, George George not to cut you off, but, but you gotta you gotta look at the ecosystem and the symbiotic relationship, the the Prosperity foundation is let's let's just for the sake of discussion, it's a young pop and you have some of these older lions throughout the state circling the wagons saying listen, young pup, we see a lot of promise in you. So we're gonna help you with your back office. We're gonna help you with your investments. We're gonna help you get your weight up eventually. The Prosperity Foundation needs to get to a point.

01:07:52.970 --> 01:08:10.800

Gaddis, Avery

Where they're held in the same esteem as the Hartford Foundation, it's a it's a long ways off, but we gotta start somewhere. And when I talk about the symbiotic relationship, look, the Harvard Foundation for public giving the Community Foundation and Waterbury the Greater Community Foundation and New Haven.

01:07:56.660 --> 01:07:56.910

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:08:11.460 --> 01:08:41.400

Gaddis, Avery

A lot of these guys who who especially have a lot of Caucasians on their staff, they don't necessarily wanna go into our communities talking about the things that we're talking about. So the relationship is healthy where they we have a pass through entity who has the capability of doing surgical strikes, a narrow focus. We have folks helping us with the back office situation, helping us with the investments some of us will.

01:08:35.260 --> 01:08:35.600

McCrory, Douglas

Yep.

01:08:41.520 --> 01:09:12.630

Gaddis, Avery

Advise on the segmented fun and throughout that we're leveraging state money, other foundation money. They already got some banks involved so they could get their CR a credit. So so I I actually like it. I actually don't. I I don't see any utility in going to Hartford Foundation route because there are already established this way we get to kill two birds in one stone we get to fulfill our mission have a vehicle and help them to become successful and grow.

01:08:52.770 --> 01:08:53.120

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:09:04.600 --> 01:09:04.870

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:09:12.770 --> 01:09:28.860

Gaddis, Avery

And that's how you gotta look at, not how you gotta look at it, George, but that's how I look at it, because your instincts are. You're spot on. I get it. You know, there's trust. I get all that. But the the long game is we need the prosperity foundation to be prosperous.

01:09:29.720 --> 01:09:31.690

Gaddis, Avery

And this is kind of killing two birds with one stone.

01:09:33.850 --> 01:09:36.280

McCrory, Douglas

I appreciate that. I appreciate that every.

01:09:37.170 --> 01:09:37.870

McCrory, Douglas

Appreciate that.

01:09:38.500 --> 01:09:41.100

McCrory, Douglas

So what were we now? What? What? What's the next step?

01:09:42.950 --> 01:09:43.360

Robertson, Paul O

Howard.

01:09:43.070 --> 01:09:51.640

McCrory, Douglas

The only only reason is I got 15 minutes. I I love this discussion. Join. Listen, George, I appreciate your perspective because I know what people think.

01:09:52.530 --> 01:10:11.550

McCrory, Douglas

I know what they're gonna figure. They see somebody organizational color with ohh they gonna take the money now we don't. Brother, listen. There's different types of people of color in this in this country. We ain't those folks. We're gonna hold each other accountable and we're gonna hold these organizations accountable for what we want them to do. That's my perspective.

01:10:12.410 --> 01:10:17.060

McCrory, Douglas

So what's the next step? Is there anything else? Paul or Sheila, you have to deliver to us?

01:10:17.500 --> 01:10:19.650

McCrory, Douglas

UM, where we are with this.

01:10:21.840 --> 01:10:42.020

Robertson, Paul O

Well, I'll jump in here and say in terms of the question of voting, I mean, if if all these concerns are, you know, if we've tabled and we've gotten to a point, I mean it doesn't have to be. Now we can do it till

next week, leticia's not here, but we could do the vote by email. And I guess I would defer back to Howard in terms of making the call, but at least here are the options is here, here's where we are.

01:10:36.270 --> 01:10:36.600

McCrory, Douglas

OK.

01:10:43.800 --> 01:10:44.290

McCrory, Douglas

OK.

01:10:46.390 --> 01:10:46.690

Howard

Yeah.

01:10:52.690 --> 01:10:53.360

McCrory, Douglas

Yes, we did.

01:10:53.590 --> 01:11:24.000

Gaddis, Avery

And I think just to so, people could have a cooling off period and maybe think of other things, give Leticia sometimes the way in you know I I think maybe we hold off a vote until the next meeting whether it's email or the next meeting. Look. Personally, I'm prepared to to move on it now, but I I wanna make sure to show deference to folks that are not on the call who may have concerns. Let's just let's just give it a couple of more weeks. But like I'm ready to go now. But I think as a matter of utility.

01:11:08.990 --> 01:11:09.270

McCrory, Douglas

What?

01:11:24.340 --> 01:11:25.640

Gaddis, Avery

Let's just hold off a bit.

01:11:26.180 --> 01:11:27.680

McCrory, Douglas

That's fine. I I will say.

01:11:26.640 --> 01:11:29.910

Gaddis, Avery

No, we don't want folks to think that we're trying to jam things down their throat.

01:11:28.360 --> 01:11:28.570

Howard

Yeah.

01:11:29.820 --> 01:11:30.750

McCrory, Douglas

Right, yeah.

01:11:30.290 --> 01:11:38.820

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, I think we should. We could do a vote. We probably can't wait until the next board meeting in June because one of the applications due in July.

01:11:30.920 --> 01:11:31.500

Howard

Absolutely.

01:11:35.890 --> 01:11:36.160

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:11:37.960 --> 01:11:38.750

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The time for.

01:11:38.990 --> 01:12:10.220

McCrory, Douglas

App applications are gonna be put out on May 23rd or 25th, I think. I think maybe I I agree with you. I think give us a cool I think cause everyone. I think everyone. I personally I would I would like that the people on this board reach out have a conversation with Leticia individually and then I think of a email vote next week will be very, very good good enough time. I think everyone should reach out to her have their their personal conversation with her find out I know what she stands.

01:12:10.340 --> 01:12:23.540

McCrory, Douglas

And I I support her 100%. I just tell you I support her percent but and then next week have a email vote so we can start putting stuff on paper again. You don't want to be last when when first are coming up.

01:12:24.600 --> 01:12:26.380

McCrory, Douglas

Alright, so that's where I stand.

01:12:26.550 --> 01:12:30.910

Hummel, Sheila S

So you wanna do an email vote, or should we just call a brief meeting next week?

01:12:28.610 --> 01:12:28.970

McCrory, Douglas

Yeah.

01:12:31.300 --> 01:12:33.810

McCrory, Douglas

I think it's it's hard to get us all at one time.

01:12:34.340 --> 01:12:36.550

McCrory, Douglas

I mean, this was the, I think the thing.

01:12:34.340 --> 01:12:36.130

Hummel, Sheila S

OK, OK. So you don't need.

01:12:35.640 --> 01:12:56.380

Robertson, Paul O

Yeah, I think I think in terms of giving it some time and an email vote was, it's probably most efficient and enter your point again, people can take a minute to kind of think through this. We can have some discussion. And again back to the timeline, which Avery and Doug has mentioned, we can, you know, the efficiency of it is that we do an email, we can get this done quickly, whatever it is.

01:12:36.180 --> 01:12:36.500

Howard

Yeah.

01:12:51.310 --> 01:12:51.610

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:12:58.200 --> 01:12:59.830

Robertson, Paul O

So with that, I'll turn it back to Howard.

01:12:58.340 --> 01:12:59.630

Howard

No, I was saying ohh.

01:12:58.390 --> 01:12:59.670

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Yeah, I'm gonna agree with it.

01:12:58.500 --> 01:13:08.890

Hummel, Sheila S

I think and Paul, if they had questions or not, so people will be reaching out. If there's any questions that say if people have questions, who should they send them to the whole group or?

01:13:01.830 --> 01:13:02.050

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:13:10.280 --> 01:13:12.530

McCrory, Douglas

That's a good question. Who? I mean who?

01:13:12.350 --> 01:13:30.120

Howard

Yeah. And, you know, you know, the interesting thing about this as well is that this was a very, very robust conversation, right. I'm George brought up some great points. Leticia started out with great points. Pedro brought in things I said stuff. Avery said stuff. Roberta said stuff. So, you know, I I think that, you know.

01:13:31.970 --> 01:14:01.120

Howard

Ohh Leticia has missed the opportunity to partake in this conversation. I think that'll will affect things right? Unless each board member is able to to call her back and sort of express what they said on on the phone today so she can have her own sort of feedback. But the dynamics on how this conversation played out, she missed that. And I think that is is sort of unfair. I don't we can't duplicate this. I'm pretty sure she can.

01:14:01.390 --> 01:14:29.050

Howard

Listen to the recording. If she if she, if she chooses to but to be to but to partake in the conversation is a little different. But I just wanted to make that point, you know, we do need to cool off. Our agree with Avery on this thing we need to cool off. Think about it a little bit and I like the idea of the email vote but I I I do think that you know it's important if we have an opportunity to try to give Leticia call just to you know express how you felt about it.

01:14:29.900 --> 01:14:49.440

Robertson, Paul O

I also think that she can have a copy of this. We've got it recorded. So she'll also have that advantage, even though not being able to participate in the dialogue. At least you can see the tenor of where the dialogue went and everyone's opinion. So I think that's again, it's the more information you have, the better it is and and so no, I appreciate everything you said.

01:14:37.150 --> 01:14:37.380

Howard

Yeah.

01:14:41.520 --> 01:14:41.750

Howard

Sure.

01:14:47.700 --> 01:14:48.010

Howard

Yeah.

01:14:47.820 --> 01:14:48.220

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Mm-hmm.

01:14:49.100 --> 01:14:51.660

Gaddis, Avery

And and so listen to it and to Sheila.

01:14:50.290 --> 01:14:51.900

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Hmm yeah.

01:14:50.750 --> 01:14:51.160

Robertson, Paul O

Yeah.

01:14:51.090 --> 01:14:53.580

McCrory, Douglas

I know Latisha listened to it. I know she will.

01:14:52.950 --> 01:15:24.610

Gaddis, Avery

And to and to Sheila's question Sheila, I think I think you if someone has specific questions that they feel to you send it to the group and by just natural response, we'll let the person with the most subject knowledge, experience reply to it. You know if it's a question specifically about the prosperity foundation, I wanna see the question, but I know my **** isn't suitable to respond to it. I would defer to Howard or someone else. So but I would like to see the questions just in case it.

01:14:54.640 --> 01:14:55.160

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Yeah.

01:15:22.320 --> 01:15:23.330

Hummel, Sheila S

OK. Yeah.

01:15:27.710 --> 01:15:28.290

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Umm.

01:15:39.190 --> 01:15:39.660

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Mm-hmm.

01:15:42.140 --> 01:15:42.460

McCrory, Douglas

Why?

01:15:46.000 --> 01:16:11.290

Robertson, Paul O

Well, I'm thrilled because as I said, as the conversations over the last several months for me have been circular, this actually feels like the trend is moving forward. And I can't tell you how much I appreciate, you know, everyone that's been on this call. You know the dedication, you know the focus and and

actually I think we're gonna get some things done. So you know, again I'll defer back to Howard and you can take it from there.

01:15:56.050 --> 01:15:56.550

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Umm.

01:16:05.520 --> 01:16:06.090

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Mm-hmm.

01:16:08.890 --> 01:16:09.310

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OK.

01:16:12.550 --> 01:16:12.910

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Mm-hmm.

01:16:13.430 --> 01:16:22.510

Howard

Thank you, Paul, I think thank you very much everybody for for your contributions to this conversation. I think we should move on. Sheila, can you?

01:16:23.380 --> 01:16:24.980

Howard

Go through the budget.

01:16:25.670 --> 01:16:26.880

Howard

Is that what's on the agenda next?

01:16:25.770 --> 01:16:26.140

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah.

01:16:28.590 --> 01:16:37.060

Pedro Soto

Ohh can I just have a quick question or just quick? Can we have you know the exact question of what we're voting on sent to everyone?

01:16:37.730 --> 01:16:40.230

Pedro Soto

After this meeting would just have that in writing.

01:16:40.440 --> 01:16:40.690

Howard

Yeah.

01:16:41.490 --> 01:16:41.790

Howard

Umm.

01:16:43.700 --> 01:16:45.160

Hummel, Sheila S

Can everyone see the budget?

01:16:43.830 --> 01:16:44.300

Howard

Yes.

01:16:46.650 --> 01:16:48.900

Robertson, Paul O

I I don't see it. Sheila, did you put it back up?

01:16:48.630 --> 01:16:49.320

Howard

I don't see it.

01:16:49.670 --> 01:16:52.200

Hummel, Sheila S

OK. I mean, I mean take it down and put it back up.

01:16:56.280 --> 01:17:03.850

Hummel, Sheila S

But the bottom line is we have 88,000 left after the 300,000 commitment to Shiba.

01:17:00.090 --> 01:17:00.340

McCrory, Douglas

Umm.

01:17:07.720 --> 01:17:10.170

Hummel, Sheila S

This one second, I don't know why it's not coming up.

01:17:12.330 --> 01:17:13.760

Hummel, Sheila S

OK. Do you guys see it now?

01:17:14.600 --> 01:17:15.070

McCrory, Douglas

Yeah.

01:17:14.920 --> 01:17:15.130

Robertson, Paul O

Yep.

01:17:15.760 --> 01:17:17.180

Hummel, Sheila S

OK so.

01:17:15.980 --> 01:17:16.390

Howard

Yes.

01:17:20.050 --> 01:17:20.940

Hummel, Sheila S

All right about that.

01:17:21.540 --> 01:17:21.990

McCrory, Douglas

Uh.

01:17:24.230 --> 01:17:33.440

Hummel, Sheila S

OK, so we have a balance. I'm sorry. It's cut off. So we have a balance of 88,000 left. So that's something as we move ahead.

01:17:34.170 --> 01:17:38.140

Hummel, Sheila S

We do need to think after Jerry does some.

01:17:39.650 --> 01:17:56.360

Hummel, Sheila S

Outreach on this and hold focus groups and maybe the new when the legislative season starts up again, what is it that we wanna focus on and be I? And what are the funded needs? Because right now this is what we have 88,000.

01:17:58.750 --> 01:18:06.670

Hummel, Sheila S

You know, I don't think there was anything in the budget for an NBI. I don't know. Doug, was there anything put in the budget for NBI? I don't believe so.

01:18:06.440 --> 01:18:17.930

McCrory, Douglas

No, no. What there wasn't that I was there. I had no focus on putting money in for NB. I I I I expect I I I believe NBI is over and we ought to the next level. So I had no.

01:18:16.970 --> 01:18:30.180

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, MPI 2.0. So this way they give Jerry Garcia, you know, six to nine months to kind of figure out what direction this board is going in. And then it comes at a perfect time to put a request in if.

01:18:19.410 --> 01:18:19.720

McCrory, Douglas

Yes.

01:18:25.790 --> 01:18:26.000

McCrory, Douglas

Right.

01:18:31.200 --> 01:18:34.750

Hummel, Sheila S

We feel that there's a need for additional funds so.

01:18:36.120 --> 01:18:37.770

GeorgeM (Guest)

So can I ask a question?

01:18:38.070 --> 01:18:38.580

Hummel, Sheila S

Sure.

01:18:39.400 --> 01:18:46.810

GeorgeM (Guest)

So two questions, actually. So there's 80 something \$1000. Can I put a request in here?

01:18:47.270 --> 01:18:50.260

GeorgeM (Guest)

The OR is this not the right place?

01:18:50.310 --> 01:19:04.640

Hummel, Sheila S

Ohh you would send a proposal in the process is you would send a proposal in. I would circulate it to all the board members, they review it and then at the next board meeting we would bring it up for discussion.

01:18:57.040 --> 01:18:57.380

GeorgeM (Guest)

Mm-hmm.

01:18:59.160 --> 01:18:59.570

GeorgeM (Guest)

Umm.

01:19:05.330 --> 01:19:06.520

Hummel, Sheila S

And maybe even a vote.

01:19:07.120 --> 01:19:08.650

GeorgeM (Guest)

For the for the ballot.

01:19:07.130 --> 01:19:18.500

McCrory, Douglas

Right. If it, if it's certain times, if it's certain time sensitive, you know certain to always send it to

everybody, then maybe can vote and and if we all agree it on, we can vote at the next meeting. I think that's that.

01:19:18.020 --> 01:19:29.050

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, exactly. Yeah. That's what I would do. I would send it around. People would have feedback, read it, they could reach out to George and then we could at the next NBI board meeting. We you guys could vote on it.

01:19:29.300 --> 01:19:32.590

GeorgeM (Guest)

So what happens to the 88,000 after June?

01:19:32.170 --> 01:19:38.470

Hummel, Sheila S

It's nothing and it's not going away. No, it doesn't lapse, so it will be with us.

01:19:36.660 --> 01:19:37.240

GeorgeM (Guest)

Ohh.

01:19:39.490 --> 01:19:44.560

Hummel, Sheila S

Next December, if we don't spend it, so it doesn't lapse. So you don't have to worry about losing it.

01:19:43.240 --> 01:19:43.780

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

01:19:45.110 --> 01:19:49.580

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK, thank you. I wanted to. That's where I was heading to the second question I have is.

01:19:50.900 --> 01:19:52.330

GeorgeM (Guest)

The Shiba thing.

01:19:52.720 --> 01:19:56.570

GeorgeM (Guest)

Uh, I I this is in the last meeting.

01:19:57.780 --> 01:20:02.060

GeorgeM (Guest)

What are they going to do or what is she gonna do for us?

01:20:03.700 --> 01:20:04.590

Hummel, Sheila S

For the border.

01:20:03.820 --> 01:20:08.790

GeorgeM (Guest)

Because we \$100,000 is A is a big chunk of change.

01:20:04.140 --> 01:20:04.430

McCrory, Douglas

So.

01:20:11.110 --> 01:20:34.100

Gaddis, Avery

But before we answer that question, I'm sorry, Joyce, cause I gotta hop off, but I I also have a group that is looking for about 2020 \$5000 and they deal with me and refactoring and training folks, especially for electric bolt etc. And what they do is they help subsidized tuition of black and Latino.

01:20:34.760 --> 01:20:42.220

Gaddis, Avery

Eight people who are graduating high school, who don't want to go to college. So I'm gonna have them send a little proposal for the little 2020, 5000.

01:20:43.520 --> 01:20:48.560

Gaddis, Avery

Because I heard the Shiba thing before, but I really have to go and.

01:20:47.950 --> 01:20:48.220

McCrory, Douglas

Alright.

01:20:48.060 --> 01:20:48.430

GeorgeM (Guest)

Well.

01:20:49.200 --> 01:20:55.240

GeorgeM (Guest)

And send it to me too, because I'll be happy to, to, to give it a a good, good flushing it out.

01:20:55.900 --> 01:21:01.110

Gaddis, Avery

Yeah, no problem. Listen, beautiful people. If I don't talk to you, enjoy your weekend. Thank you for everything.

01:20:58.770 --> 01:20:58.970

GeorgeM (Guest)

Good.

01:20:59.920 --> 01:21:00.360

McCrory, Douglas

Ohh.

01:21:01.360 --> 01:21:03.160

Robertson, Paul O

Thanks again, Avery. Really appreciate it.

01:21:01.780 --> 01:21:02.220

McCrory, Douglas

Alright.

01:21:01.890 --> 01:21:05.510

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Thank you. Avery, you have a good have a good weekend with Avery.

01:21:03.120 --> 01:21:03.330

Gaddis, Avery

Bye.

01:21:03.680 --> 01:21:04.070

Howard

Be able.

01:21:04.600 --> 01:21:04.930

GeorgeM (Guest)

So.

01:21:04.870 --> 01:21:05.240

Howard

Thank you.

01:21:05.900 --> 01:21:09.810

GeorgeM (Guest)

So Washeba 300K, what is that about Sheila?

01:21:06.000 --> 01:21:06.540

Robertson, Paul O

Have a good week.

01:21:07.360 --> 01:21:08.920

Hummel, Sheila S

Why? Yeah. OK, so you.

01:21:09.970 --> 01:21:12.810

Hummel, Sheila S

I don't know. Did you wanna talk about or do you want me to?

01:21:10.090 --> 01:21:10.440

McCrory, Douglas

So.

01:21:11.830 --> 01:21:44.340

McCrory, Douglas

So yeah, I George you, they they made a presentation at the last board meeting. If you recall a couple of meetings ago. We had that when we were talking with HECO about repurposing some of the ML get the definition, the ML, ML, BRF dollars to help businesses. And we say you said, George, at the time is we don't want to just give these businesses that out in the, in the, in the red more money, you want them to go through a program and show that they they have been learned, they have to support some place.

01:21:30.320 --> 01:21:30.650

GeorgeM (Guest)

Yeah.

01:21:39.510 --> 01:21:39.840

GeorgeM (Guest)

Correct.

01:21:44.330 --> 01:21:44.590

GeorgeM (Guest)

Right.

01:21:44.600 --> 01:22:07.300

McCrory, Douglas

They got, they fought. So we said. You're right, George. This is what you said. So we have contracted with the organization, Sheba, who came and made a presentation. Unfortunately, you were not at the last meeting, made the presentation amongst the board members. Everyone was impressed with what? How they're going about doing it over Sheila can go more uphill. You grew in more detail, but they have to go through 6.

01:21:45.690 --> 01:21:46.310

GeorgeM (Guest)

Yes, I.

01:22:02.340 --> 01:22:02.950

GeorgeM (Guest)

Umm.

01:22:04.960 --> 01:22:08.810

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, I can go more detail and I can send him the PowerPoint too.

01:22:08.040 --> 01:22:40.450

McCrory, Douglas

Signal. Yes. Still. Yeah. Still the project these businesses have to go through a 6 to 9, but we are a program within the talk. All the business, business ethics, financial literacy, all the things they need to be successful business. And once those once they complete that trip that program then they had opportunity to have their loans forgiven and new opportunities for business. So Sheila has all that information what I would suggest George, you look at it and you have any questions you can give them to Sheila, but we all saw the presentation, we heard what was going to happen.

01:22:40.730 --> 01:22:51.800

McCrory, Douglas

We're not just giving money back out to business that we're not successful. They have to go through a training program through that certified that had to become certified through the treatment process in order to get these resources again. So that's.

01:22:51.120 --> 01:22:56.150

GeorgeM (Guest)

So my my so dug my issue or concern actually not even an issue.

01:23:04.030 --> 01:23:07.200

GeorgeM (Guest)

She does not. I mean, if it was threatened doctor Fred McKinney.

01:23:09.430 --> 01:23:10.740

GeorgeM (Guest)

It's a it's golden.

01:23:11.850 --> 01:23:17.400

GeorgeM (Guest)

But this young lady does not have the bonafides in any shape and form.

01:23:18.430 --> 01:23:20.860

GeorgeM (Guest)

For she's a startup on her own.

01:23:22.670 --> 01:23:27.510

GeorgeM (Guest)

And we are giving out 300K in one lump sum over even if we break it down.

01:23:28.400 --> 01:23:29.260

GeorgeM (Guest)

I don't think.

01:23:30.040 --> 01:23:33.610

GeorgeM (Guest)

That as a fiduciary, that is kosher.

01:23:32.310 --> 01:23:32.630

Hummel, Sheila S

It.

01:23:34.620 --> 01:23:35.770

McCrory, Douglas

Georgia, you bring that.

01:23:34.690 --> 01:23:53.810

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, it's not going out in one lump sum. It's not going out in one lump sum, see, head goes reallocate in

some of the 25 million three million for forgivable loans, George. So before head coach can disperse any of the funds, the business has to go through. I think it's 68.

01:23:37.310 --> 01:23:37.550

McCrory, Douglas

You.

01:23:46.000 --> 01:23:46.650

GeorgeM (Guest)

Yep.

01:23:52.960 --> 01:24:05.390

GeorgeM (Guest)

I got it. I got it. I got the training bit because I'm already working with the the pipeline workforce development as well. So I understand it's my only concern is Shiba is a startup.

01:23:54.740 --> 01:23:54.980

Hummel, Sheila S

We.

01:24:00.420 --> 01:24:00.880

Hummel, Sheila S

It might.

01:24:02.560 --> 01:24:03.130

Hummel, Sheila S

I.

01:24:06.650 --> 01:24:08.270

GeorgeM (Guest)

That was formed.

01:24:09.710 --> 01:24:10.910

GeorgeM (Guest)

Earlier this year.

01:24:11.670 --> 01:24:16.170

GeorgeM (Guest)

It's only three months old, January 25th.

01:24:14.660 --> 01:24:15.510

McCrory, Douglas

That's that.

01:24:16.270 --> 01:24:28.150

McCrory, Douglas

George, you need Georgia for sake of argument is almost 2:30. You really need to get your you got you. You don't have your facts. I'm unfortunate. I'm just gonna keep it simple and real. If you don't have any facts. And and it's unfortunately.

01:24:20.280 --> 01:24:20.560

Howard

Yeah.

01:24:20.320 --> 01:24:20.660

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

01:24:25.260 --> 01:24:27.870

GeorgeM (Guest)

Alright, let's just look at your states office itself.

01:24:28.810 --> 01:24:55.070

McCrory, Douglas

Yeah, unfortunately, we're not at the last meeting to learn anything about the program. But again, Sheila can give you the information about the program if you need that information. And and I love Fred McKinney, but Fred McKinney is opera doing something? Totally. He's not the only person that can do this, and he's been around for a long time. The problem is, guys, we gotta stop saying people are new, they start. We don't get experiences because we don't have the resources to get experience.

01:24:28.990 --> 01:24:29.330

GeorgeM (Guest)

OK.

01:24:33.190 --> 01:24:33.550

GeorgeM (Guest)

Alright.

01:24:34.830 --> 01:24:40.960

Hummel, Sheila S

I yeah. I mean, she's had she was a top executive at Walgreens.

01:24:55.860 --> 01:24:58.710

McCrory, Douglas

And and we got to change the way we don't get the opportunity.

01:24:56.080 --> 01:24:56.860

Howard

An opportunity?

01:24:59.460 --> 01:25:27.670

McCrory, Douglas

That's that's that's the mindset we got. Where if things don't exist in our community, we have to create them and stop thinking that other people are doing for us or people who have been doing this for so many years has gotten us to where we are. We need new ideas, innovating new people into this perspective on how we want to move our community forward. And that's how we got a thing. So I'm done at 2:30. I. But Joe Paul, I mean, Paul and she'll I have a question for you that has nothing to do with me. I need to ask right after end of meeting.

01:24:59.590 --> 01:25:00.040

Howard

Yeah.

01:25:29.540 --> 01:25:36.570

Hummel, Sheila S

But George, I can arrange a meeting if you wanna have her take you through there. Her PowerPoint presentation.

01:25:37.240 --> 01:25:53.710

Hummel, Sheila S

I you know, I've been around for a long time and she is she is really, really good. I would put my money on this organization there. She's top not. She had a high executive position at Walgreens. She comes with a lot of experience.

01:25:47.730 --> 01:25:49.210

Howard

And she brings her own money too.

01:25:54.690 --> 01:25:55.640

McCrory, Douglas

To you, you got.

01:25:54.920 --> 01:25:56.940

Howard

And she has one, and she has her own money as well.

01:25:57.830 --> 01:26:02.650

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, I mean, I don't know anything about that, but yeah, yeah, I was very impressed with.

01:25:57.870 --> 01:25:58.400

Howard

By the way.

01:26:00.410 --> 01:26:00.710

Howard

Yeah.

01:26:01.420 --> 01:26:02.290

Howard

I'm so.

01:26:05.070 --> 01:26:07.550

Howard

So in the interest of time, Sheila, can we?

01:26:08.950 --> 01:26:11.570

Howard

What's what's after the budget? Well, we finished with the budget.

01:26:13.120 --> 01:26:34.780

Hummel, Sheila S

Well, just just head coach information. I mean, they still have money available to lend, but other than 9 million, three million will be reallocated. I have the documents ready for David Layman to sign. So Kim's actually signed in the documents today. So three million of the nine million will be used for forgivable loans.

01:26:36.340 --> 01:26:37.470

Howard

Hmm, OK.

01:26:37.920 --> 01:26:44.950

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah. Which is like a grant. I don't like to call it a grant, but it's a grant. So it up to 12,500.

01:26:39.480 --> 01:26:39.790

Howard

All right.

01:26:41.330 --> 01:26:41.530

Howard

Right.

01:26:46.840 --> 01:26:47.760

Howard

OK, per loan.

01:26:48.770 --> 01:26:54.360

Hummel, Sheila S

Yeah, we call it a forgivable, a forgivable loan. We call it so if they spend it.

01:26:55.120 --> 01:27:01.430

Hummel, Sheila S

As they should, according to their budget at the end of the 12 months, it will be forgiven.

01:27:02.280 --> 01:27:02.690

McCrory, Douglas

Thank you.

01:27:03.520 --> 01:27:05.330

Howard

OK. Any questions on that?

01:27:03.700 --> 01:27:07.960

GeorgeM (Guest)

So David is still there, but I thought you left on in first week of May.

01:27:10.890 --> 01:27:12.830

GeorgeM (Guest)

It's another information I got wrong here.

01:27:13.740 --> 01:27:17.630

GeorgeM (Guest)

I thought they were never left and on the 12th of 8th of May.

01:27:13.930 --> 01:27:14.510

Hummel, Sheila S

What do you mean?

01:27:22.100 --> 01:27:22.760

GeorgeM (Guest)

Am I right?

01:27:22.890 --> 01:27:24.040

Howard

You keep that where?

01:27:24.850 --> 01:27:25.780

GeorgeM (Guest)

Dammit, lemon.

01:27:26.610 --> 01:27:27.790

GeorgeM (Guest)

Denise, about.

01:27:26.910 --> 01:27:27.610

Howard

Left the state.

01:27:28.980 --> 01:27:29.360

McCrory, Douglas

Huh.

01:27:31.420 --> 01:27:32.910

Howard

Are you saying he left his state, George?

01:27:33.760 --> 01:27:36.240

GeorgeM (Guest)

No, I thought he stepped down from DCD.

01:27:36.720 --> 01:27:37.550

Hummel, Sheila S

David layman.

01:27:38.610 --> 01:27:39.520

GeorgeM (Guest)

Did I get it wrong?

01:27:41.040 --> 01:27:42.080

McCrory, Douglas

I I don't know what to talk.

01:27:41.540 --> 01:27:44.210

Hummel, Sheila S

And this, I don't know. Well, do you know?

01:27:42.810 --> 01:27:46.010

Robertson, Paul O

I've no idea what you're talking. I have no idea what you're talking about.

01:27:43.690 --> 01:27:44.500

Howard

All. Is that true?

01:27:46.000 --> 01:27:47.110

GeorgeM (Guest)

Ohh Lord.

01:27:46.160 --> 01:27:48.680

McCrory, Douglas

Man, you, George, George, you ate George.

01:27:46.880 --> 01:27:47.220

Robertson, Paul O

OK.

01:27:47.700 --> 01:27:51.640

GeorgeM (Guest)

You see, what I have is when I miss one meeting and the whole world is different.

01:27:50.800 --> 01:27:59.450

McCrory, Douglas

George George, bad man. You're batting like 100 a day, man. You all. You all over the place, bro. You don't struck out four times. Look, we have extra innings.

01:27:59.740 --> 01:28:04.370

Robertson, Paul O

George is in the wrong meeting. I think he's at the cannabis meeting. I'm just kidding.

01:28:01.730 --> 01:28:03.020

McCrory, Douglas

Yeah.

01:28:02.940 --> 01:28:04.590

GeorgeM (Guest)

I need to go shave my head.

01:28:06.930 --> 01:28:08.770

GeorgeM (Guest)

Alright, alright please.

01:28:08.060 --> 01:28:10.510

Hummel, Sheila S

I'm all set of Howard. I'm all set.

01:28:09.090 --> 01:28:09.440

Howard

So.

01:28:10.940 --> 01:28:11.260

McCrory, Douglas

Umm.

01:28:11.130 --> 01:28:11.880

GeorgeM (Guest)

Thank you.

01:28:11.630 --> 01:28:13.010

Howard

OK. What's on the agenda next?

01:28:13.940 --> 01:28:15.470

Hummel, Sheila S

It's all set. We're all done.

01:28:15.910 --> 01:28:16.690

Howard

Ohh rosset.

01:28:17.060 --> 01:28:18.680

Hummel, Sheila S

I think we need to leave now.

01:28:17.380 --> 01:28:18.690

Howard

Alright folks, thank you talking.

01:28:19.950 --> 01:28:21.000

McCrory, Douglas

So like the part.

01:28:20.110 --> 01:28:24.750

Howard

Yeah. Thank you for a robust meeting. We'll, we'll we'll adjourn motion to adjourn.

01:28:25.270 --> 01:28:25.900

McCrory, Douglas

So good.

01:28:26.080 --> 01:28:26.770

GeorgeM (Guest)

So be it.

01:28:27.170 --> 01:28:29.440

Howard

Thank you. Thank you. I'll see you next time.

01:28:27.390 --> 01:28:32.820

McCrory, Douglas

Paul, Paul and Sheila I just got a quick question. Stay long. I got a quick question question. Alright guys.

01:28:30.260 --> 01:28:32.050

Robertson, Paul O

Right. Well, stay on. Thanks everyone.

01:28:30.480 --> 01:28:30.950

Hummel, Sheila S

OK.

01:28:33.200 --> 01:28:33.490

Robertson, Paul O

All right.

01:28:33.500 --> 01:28:33.940

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Bye bye.

01:28:34.450 --> 01:28:35.650

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Everything like this. Thank you.

01:28:39.410 --> 01:28:44.390

Hummel, Sheila S

I'm at 2:30 with the city of Hartford, so I can stay in a couple of minutes. I can stay in a couple of minutes, but.

01:28:46.110 --> 01:28:47.110

Spencer, Alvetta

I want to log off the.