



Governor's Council on Economic Expansion: Meeting #8

Date: 11/1/2021
Minutes prepared by: Jenny Poole, Department of Human Services
Location: Virtual

Attendance

- Jeffrey Ettinger, Co-Chair, Hormel (formerly)
- Paul Williams, Co-Chair, Project for Pride in Living
- Scott Burns, Structural
- Nick Martin representing
- Brett C. Carter, Xcel Energy
- Joe Fowler, Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Council
- Brenda Hilbrich, SEIU Healthcare Minnesota
- Neel Kashkari, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis
- Marcus Owens, African American leadership Forum; Linking Leaders
- Joo Hee Pomplun, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Nonoko Sato, Minnesota Council on Nonprofits
- Traci Tapani, Wyoming Machine
- Bharti Wahi, Children's Defense Fund
- Penny Wheeler, Allina Health
- Steve Grove, Department of Employment and Economic Development
- Jodi Harpstead, Department of Human Services
- Roslyn Robertson, Department of Labor and Industry

Agenda

2:00 PM	Meeting convenes
2:00 PM – 2:12 PM	Welcome and updates
2:12 PM – 2:52 PM	Small group world café Round 1
2:52 PM – 3:07 PM	Small group world café Round 2
3:07 PM – 3:22 PM	Small group world café Round 3
3:22 PM – 3:32 PM	Small group world café Round 4 Topics: Housing, healthcare, community Workforce, child care, youth employment and engagement Entrepreneurship, small business, infrastructure, technology
3:32 PM – 3:59 PM	Report out Round 4 discussions

4:00 PM Meeting adjourns

Next Meeting

Date: 11/8/2021

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Meeting Notes

Meeting convenes

- Commissioner Jodi Harpstead (Department of Human Services) started the meeting with the announcement that this meeting is fully virtual because an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent due to the health pandemic, pursuant with [Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.021](#).

Welcome and updates

- Steve Grove, Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development, addressed the concern that has been brought up during this Council's journey that it lacks Latinx representation. Due to the legislative mandate that appointed councils can have no more than 15 members, it was not possible to add a Latinx member to this Council. Two prominent leaders of the Latinx community have been invited to be part of the Economic Security Advisory Council. The Co-Chairs and Commissioners will meet with these leaders to get their input and ideas on how to spend the ARPA dollars.
- The first phase of this Council is rapidly coming to a close, and, knowing that this was an imperfect timeline, the Governor's office is most interested in hearing the themes that are rising to the top as most important for ARPA funds.
- The Council was provided a summary of how they ranked the themes and ideas during their prioritization exercise conducted prior to this meeting.

Small group world café sessions

Council members convened in groups based on which themes they identified as most important to them.

Report out

Over the course of four sessions, the Council refined and narrowed to the top ideas for each of the eight priority areas. The priority groups were:

- Housing, healthcare, community
- Workforce, child care, youth employment and engagement
- Entrepreneurship and small business, infrastructure and technology