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3 SPEAKERS

Speaker1

Speaker2

Speaker3

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[00:00:01] Speaker1

Cool. I had.

[00:00:03] Speaker2

Okay. So no action was taken in executive session. So let's move on to old business. The mentoring program update is that we're on that here.

[00:00:17] Speaker1

Yes, it.

[00:00:18] Speaker2

Is, sir.

[00:00:20] Speaker1

So, Diane, I did check my pictures yesterday because I was excited, so I made it. I meant to send them to you, too, Jimmy. But yesterday was a wild day. That's another story for another day. No, I know you want to see this. It's exciting.

[00:00:34] Speaker3

Not really.

[00:00:35] Speaker1

So you do, Jimmy.

[00:00:36] Speaker3

You do? Ben Franklin. I don't want to see it.

[00:00:39] Speaker1

I added the county feel to it. I made it a little bit fancier. So it's pretty.

[00:00:45] Speaker2

And I had a great board.

[00:00:48] Speaker3

Are we?

[00:00:49] Speaker1

I added 25. I printed 25 because remember, we didn't want to have a lot. We're not using it for our marketing thing, but we wanted to have something at the time. We talked about maybe just using it for people that had come to us. But I was thinking, since we have this, it's printed, it's informational, it's on the little glossy paper and it was folded and it cost around 30 bucks to do all this. But maybe I should drop a few off an economic development so that when they do have to, they can give them this to help them before they even call and have a conversation with us.

[00:01:25] Speaker3

That's always been the plan, right? To work hand in hand?

[00:01:29] Speaker2

Yes, sir. Yep. Great job on that, Rose.

[00:01:32] Speaker1

Yeah, it looks good.

[00:01:34] Speaker2

Yeah. Look at you. Look at you. You're a marketing person.

[00:01:39] Speaker1

So many talents, guys.

[00:01:42] Speaker3

But not limited to Rose.

[00:01:47] Speaker2

So thank you for that, Rose. And on policies to be amended. So we have the labor policy and that. Go ahead.

[00:02:01] Speaker1

Yes. We had left off on that. And I just wanted a reminder here. We obviously made the motions already about the resolutions last board meeting about fixing the administrative stuff to put it in line with our matrix. But that's where we were discussing whether or not we wanted to add the drug screening.

[00:02:23] Speaker2

Correct. And what we'll have to do now is, you know, I spoke with Joe and Joe is just getting clarity on that from a legal perspective right now. So that's it, right?

[00:02:37] Speaker1

Yes.

[00:02:40] Speaker2

That's correct, Chair. Okay. So let's move on to the housing policy. So that's on page ten. Okay. You guys are pretty much involved. You realize what's going on with the housing policy. So, you know, we've been putting those small groups together. So everybody's coming back with information on how we can best help out with the housing crisis with with our entity here. And currently, we have the moratorium on it. And that comes to fruition on the 15th of April. So we're still collecting data and we're still getting information on what we can do and where we need to be and what best fits this board and how it can help. And, you know, help with the housing problem. Everybody's coming with different information. We have we have a couple of committee members that were, you know, had deaths in the family and so on and so forth. So we just want to collect some more info on this yet. So I think when we come back, when's our next meeting?

[00:04:08] Speaker1

April 20th.

[00:04:09] Speaker2

April 20th. So. Hopefully between now and then. We can meet once again here and really put this on the table and have a good, hearty discussion, as Diane put it, you know, and see where we have to be at. So right now, we have nothing, nothing new to add until we get some more information here.

[00:04:36] Speaker1

And work with Rose to try to get the committee, the working group, back together again.

[00:04:42] Speaker2

That sounds good, Diane. To the next governance meeting. Yeah. And then I know you and Rick were at the last one with Rose, and I had another meeting I had to attend. So Rick wanted to see my notes on with everyone I spoke to also. So I have all that available. Great. Thank you.

[00:05:00] Speaker1

Yep, that'd be helpful.

[00:05:03] Speaker2

All right, last. Last in the queue here is the UTEP and the Matrix. So. We did have some we did have some language changes to the Matrix. But as far as the UTEP goes. Any changes to the UTEP would have to be under a public hearing, correct Rose?

[00:05:28] Speaker1

Does it have to be? It's recommended and it's good practice.

[00:05:33] Speaker2

Good practice. So this is what we can get.

[00:05:36] Speaker3

The board will have a public meeting to review.

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And.

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For transparency.

[00:05:49] Speaker2

Rose do you want to go over the language? A couple of language changes that we had in the YouTube or the Matrix. I'm sorry.

[00:05:56] Speaker1

The ones that we've already made.

[00:05:57] Speaker2

That's correct.

[00:05:59] Speaker1

Let's make sure. Yeah. So from the September meeting. We decided to read the motion. It was a motion to recommend to the board adjustments to be made to the UTEP and Matrix. Number one, remove public transportation number to add community involvement criteria and apply the criteria of three, five or eight services from local vendors or providers to gain either one, two or three points respectively, and then three. Community involvement would be for the life of the pilot, not just for a few years. We had started talking about the last meeting in September. I mean, I'm sorry. In January we had started talking about, but had not formally made changes to adding the idea of if a project was going to use a contractor or a subcontractor that used an active and approved New York State apprenticeship program, that this could be a way, another way of earning points in the community investment column.

[00:07:16] Speaker2

All right. So we're up to speed on that. So number eight, moving on to new business. So it's a review of administrative staff contract. So Rose, that will be your agreement. Your contract?

[00:07:37] Speaker1

Yes.

[00:07:42] Speaker2

So. Right now. You're due up. You're due up on June 30th. Correct. With this contract. Yes. And send it out to the board. The board members here have a chance to just go through some of that. There's no changes made since.

[00:08:09] Speaker1

No, no, no changes since it was approved by the board at the last board meeting.

[00:08:15] Speaker2

Okay. No changes.

[00:08:17] Speaker1

As. Yeah. So as of what was sent out.

[00:08:22] Speaker2

All right.

[00:08:22] Speaker1

We had discussed maybe adding some some language in there to make sure that it includes the rest of the miscellaneous tasks that the staff perform. So maybe we'll make that change and any other adjustments to the contract and. We could bring that before the board next meeting. Are there any other changes that the governance committee would like to see?

[00:08:48] Speaker2

No, nothing. Nothing. Diane, do you have any?

[00:08:52] Speaker1

No, I do not, Mike.

[00:08:55] Speaker2

Yeah. And I know. I mean, I spoke to Rick you know, but not here to speak for Rick, but he didn't really press anything on me. Um, so what we'll do is we'll bring it back to the recommendation to the board to accept and, and chair correct me if I'm wrong or Joe, are we allowed to recommend to extend it two years?

[00:09:23] Speaker3

Do whatever you want to do. And again. I think you should put it in. You know. You have the out with the 60 days, correct? It's always you know, you have a policy in place for, I believe, Rose. And maybe Joe can help me for RFPs, things like that. I think that's what we have and it's just the time saver. And if there is a problem, then I won't be here. But I urge the board, I know they will to continually to sit down with whether it's the CEO or any other provider quarterly or twice a year to discuss how it's going. And I mean, Diane, you'll be the incoming chair. It's something that. You know, it's good practice, you know?

[00:10:16] Speaker1

I think it's a good idea. I did check with counsel to make sure that we are staying out of trouble and doing what's best, obviously also. So, yes, you can extend a contract for further than one year, especially because our reps are every three years and then it just needs to be reviewed annually. And like Jimmy was saying, I know he and I have discussed that too. And I think that's definitely good practice for any of the vendors that we're using. Right, that you want to check in quarterly, twice a year or something like that and say maybe, you know, in case there are things that aren't going as.

[00:10:52] Speaker3

You need, you know, it's something that the CEO listen, it's something that the CEO and the chair should do, especially with vendors. And, you know, what I tried to do in in my term as chair a couple of terms is is really and truly utilized the chairs of governance and audit and the vice chair which happened happened to be dynamic that way. It's a nice, fair, equitable way to sit with your CEO or or whoever. And it was a level of comfort there, I would think. But again, that that will be up to the incoming board or chair to decide they want to carry on that way.

[00:11:41] Speaker2

Mm hmm. Well, the thing I was going to add, chair both chairs, was that as part of our housekeeping resolution, we consider these appointments. So you've got that check also. The bottom line is, you could have a ten year contract here, but it's subject to that termination clause. Correct. Correct.

[00:12:03] Speaker3

I think it's well thought out. I don't think any of these changes are earth shattering. I think. I think governance has done a fine job bringing things to light that need to be addressed. You know, we're always looking to put something out there that is non that people can focus on. So I get it. You did what you did and this is why. So kudos the governance and hopefully the recommendation will be embraced by the full board.

[00:12:34] Speaker2

Thanks for that Chair. And I have a great supporting cast. So. You know. It's been my practice all through life. Have the best ones you can on the job. Shine like a new dime. But a motion for adjournment.

[00:12:53] Speaker1

A motion to adjourn.

[00:12:56] Speaker2

I second, all in favour, I. Rose.

[00:13:01] Speaker1

Okay. Bill 309.

[00:13:04] Speaker2

I'll wait till the motion to adjourn.

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