



Chairman: Jaemie Neely

Members: Ed Bedore, Bill Black, Larry Ivory, Ricardo Morales

Procurement Policy Board Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2022

Stratton Office Building

401 South Spring St. Room 349-C

Springfield, IL

Via Webex

10:00 am

I. Call to Order

The July 28, 2022, Procurement Policy Board meeting was called to order. Executive Director von Behren held a roll call. Member Bedore was present in Springfield. Member Morales, Member Ivory and Chairperson Neely were present via Webex. Members Black was absent.

II. Approval of Minutes May 19, 2022

Member Ivory made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Member Morales seconded the motion. All Members voted to approve the minutes and the motion carried.

III. Lease Review

➤ Lease 6248 – CMS/EPA – Springfield

Member Bedore questioned what CMS used the space for and it was noted that CMS uses the space for storage for property management purposes. Member Bedore made a motion to accept the lease as presented. Member Morales seconded the motion. All Members voted to approve the lease and the motion carried

➤ Lease 6276 – DCFS – Harvey

Member Morales had a question regarding the location of the current lease the new RFI that is splitting the space into two locations. DCFS noted that they wanted to relocate in two places to better serve the area and community members. Chairperson Neely had a question regarding the timing of the new leases and the State's ability to exit the current space early. Member Bedore questioned the previous RFI boundary map and the fact that both responses were within the boundary and yet rejected because of their location. DCFS states that they learned that that boundary map was not adequate and needed to be adjusted to better reflect the staffing needs. Member Bedore made motion to issue a letter of objection to this lease. Member Ivory seconded the motion. All Members voted to approve the lease and the motion carried.

➤ Lease 6791 – DHS – Champaign

There were several questions from Board Members regarding the buildout and cost of that buildout. No one from the Department of Human Services was present at the meeting to answer those questions. The Procurement Policy Board has a policy in place that requires a member of the using Agency to be present at the meeting to answer questions should they arise. With no member from DHS present in violation of this policy, Member Morales made a motion to object to the lease until a member of DHS could be present to



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answer questions. Member Bedore seconded the motion. All Members voted object to the lease and the motion carried.

IV. BEP Goals and Renewals

Executive Director von Behren presented an overview the current issues happening regarding the renewal of contracts. Newly passed legislation required State Agencies to encourage prime vendors to add or increase BEP goals to their renewal contracts should justification be present to provide for an increase. In practice, Agencies are encouraging the prime vendors to increase or add the goal and if the prime declines, proceeding with the renewal as is. The Board would like for the agency to decline to renew the contract should the prime refuse to add or increase the goal, and instead put the contracts back out for bid with the goal in place. Former State Senator Clayborne was present at the meeting. Senator Clayborne helped draft this new legislation expressed his concerns regarding the interpretation of the legislation and how State Agencies are allowing renewals to be approved without an addition or increase in BEP goals. All Board Members also expressed their concerns not only over the interpretation the new legislation but on the lack of BEP contracts and the dollars allocated to minority spend. It was agreed that the Board would draft a policy to be presented at a future meeting to address this issue moving forward.

V. Procurement Task Force

Procurement Policy Board staff is working on a draft document to present to the newly formed procurement task force that will provide background information on the current state of procurement along with top issues they feel need to be addressed and some suggestions on how to improve procurement throughout that State. All Board Members agreed for staff to continue to work on this draft and have a final version for approval at a future meeting.

VI. Legislation

There was no new or propose legislation to discuss.

VII. Public Comment

Public comment was made by AJ Thoma regarding the previously objected to DHS lease in Champaign. Mr. Thoma expressed his concern with delaying the lease and the possibility of increases in construction costs because of the delay.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Ivory made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Morales seconded the motion. All Members voted to adjourn the meeting and the motion carried.