



Chatham Business Association, SBDI Service Provider for SSA #51
800 E. 78th St.
Chicago, Illinois 60619

(SSA) Area #51 Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024 – 6:00. p.m.

Location: Chatham Business Association, SBDI Service Provider for SSA #51
800 E. 78th St. Chicago, Illinois 60619

YouTube Meeting Link: <https://youtu.be/k6nKzZr2gDc?si=keRYILOFR-6Nt7pb>

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director.

SSA Commissioners in attendance were: Clarence Glover (Majestic Florist), Veronica Clarke (TCA Health), Jackie Jackson (KILWINS/FATBURGER), Veta Charles (TailoRite).

SSA Staff in attendance were: Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director, Charles Edwards, Chief IT Ambassador, Cliff Bonner, Field Program Manager, Gloria Jenkins, SSA Manager, Richard Willis, Human Resources Director

Meeting Commencement: 6: 12 p.m.

Summary of Discussions:

Welcome/Opening Remarks by Jennipher Adkins: Jennipher welcomed all the attendees and proceeded with “roll call”.

Review of 3rd Quarter Service Report

Presented by Jennipher Adkins, Interim Executive Director:

Agenda For tonight's meeting is shared.

September Business of the Month- Gwen Shaw (Country Financial)

Flier for the CBA grant webinar for the “Chicago Community Development Grant” is shown and discussed with commissioners.

October membership meeting flier is shared- Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce

September member meeting with the Illinois SBA District Director, Willette LeGrant.

August member meeting with the “DPS” and special guest Commissioner Sharla Roberts.

July membership meeting “ReGenerative AI” presented by Chicago State. Jennipher lets commissioners know they will receive the presentation.

Guides (social media, finance, AI) CBA has created are shown.

August Business of the Month- “TailoRite Cleaners”

July Business of the Month- “Mabes Deli”

Outreach and Event Participation

Pictures are shared of Melinda Kelly & Gloria Jenkins at the Democratic National Convention with Mayor Johnson and Alderman Hall.

“TrekIt” launches their rideshare program for the Democratic National Convention.

Friend of CBA & founder of “Black Business Month” John Templeton, hosted a webinar in regards to how the election will affect black owned businesses.

CBA is now an officially trained and certified national airport concessionaire certification authority.

SSA #51 is recognized on four projects by the “Urban Land Institute”.

Corridor Report: (Public Way Maintenance and Aesthetics) Presented by Gloria Jenkins, SSA Manager & Cliff Borner, Field Manager:

Street cleaning results and areas cleaned.

Pictures taken by Cliff of the corridor are shown to commissioners.

Pictures are shown of three “Back To School” haircut/braiding events SSA #51 has collaborated on this summer.

Three businesses have received the facade enhancement rebate and two more businesses will receive it as well before the year ends.

Candidates for 2025 facade rebate are being established.

Commissioners are presented with the holiday decoration rentals & pricing from “Liberty Flag & Banner” and how they would potentially look with installation possibly after Thanksgiving & take down in January.

New permanent customized banners for SSA #51 are proposed from “Bannerville” & pricing. It is explained where the

banners will go.

Date for the Mix n' Mingle is announced, December 19th 2024. Location is still being determined.

Local Buy ideas are discussed.

New Business and Future Plans Discussed by Jennipher Adkins:

"Building to Business" & MySQL Database created by Chicago State is demonstrated.

Security RFP & Snow Removal RFP are now posted.

Conclusion:

Jennipher Adkins expressed gratitude towards all attendees for attending and joining. She also lets them know they'll have minutes as well as the budget ready soon.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:26 p.m.

Minutes taken by: Office Manager, Lourinda Chandler

Executive Director (Int), Jennipher Adkins

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Chairman, Veta Charles

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