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## COMMITTEE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT MONTHLY RULE 45 REPORT March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Pursuant to Rule 45 of the City Council Rules of Order, the Committee on Workforce Development submits the following Monthly Rule 45 Report for Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 .

**Date, Time & Location of Meeting:** On March 14th, in room 201A of City Hall at Noon.

**Member Attendance:** The following members were present: Chairperson Rodriguez (22), Vice Chairperson Gutierrez (14), Alderman Yancy (5), Alderman Hall (6), Alderman Chico (10), Alderwoman Ramirez (12), Alderman Quinn (13), Alderman Coleman (16), Alderman Curtis (18), Alderman Ramirez-Rosa (35), Alderman Sposato (38), Alderperson Vasquez (40), Alderwoman Clay (46)

**Non-Member Attendance:** Alderman Burnett (27)

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Chairperson Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 12:13pm. There were two items on the Agenda.

- 1) Approval of January 30<sup>th</sup> Rule 45 Report
- 2) A2024-0007309 – Appointment of Sandra Blakemore Commissioner of Department of Human Resources.

Chairperson Rodriguez conducted a roll call to establish a quorum.

After determining a quorum existed of present members, the Chair acknowledged non-members present at the meeting. Before moving on to public comment the Chair asked those members present to allow by Rule 59 for the remote participation of one member, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa. Alderwoman Clay so moved, and the Committee approved remote participation by a voice vote.

Chairperson Rodriguez then noted that there were two people signed up for public comment. and that we would use the first thirty minutes to allow those members to speak.

The following members of the public spoke during public comment: George Blakemore spoke about the importance of Council members attending meetings and in support of Sandra Blakemore. Cristina Beran spoke in support of the appointment of Sandra Blakemore.

### **Agenda Item 1 – Rule 45 Report**

Following public comment, the Chairperson moved on to the first item on the agenda, approval of the January 30th report. Alderwoman Gutierrez moved to accept the report and it was approved by a voice vote of the members present.

### **Agenda Item 2 – A2024-0007309 – Appointment of Sandra Blakemore Commissioner of Department of Human Resources.**

Chairperson Rodriguez then moved to the second item of the agenda, the appointment of Sandra Blakemore. The Chair then provided the nominee with five minutes to speak to their agenda for the Department of Human Resources.

After Sandra Blakemore finished the Chair acknowledged Alderperson Vasquez who asked what Sandra Blakemore could do to be more proactive in tracking meeting the City's goals in diverse hiring.

Alderman Sposato asked about how the Commissioner could improve the City's communication with job applicants.

Alderman Curtis also asked how the City's hiring process could be improved with quicker turnaround times for both applicants and departments trying to hire new workers.

Alderman Coleman asked about how candidate lists get shared with hiring departments and how the lead times can be improved.

With no other questions from the members present, Chairperson Rodriguez asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Sandra Blakemore as Commissioner for the Department of Human Resources. Alderman Curtis motioned to accept the appointment, and the motion was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

The Chairperson then asked that there being no further business before the Committee, he get a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was moved by Alderwoman Clay, and with no objections the Committee was adjourned.