



PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT (PSG) COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
Ed Ball Building, 8th Floor, Board Room 851
March 10, 2025 –2:00-4:00 PM

PSG Council Member Attendance			
P	Dr. Joy Hervey, Chair	P	Dr. Mai Keisling
P	Pablo Diaz de Sandi, Vice Chair	P	Linda King
P	Shamika Baker Wright	P	Taylor Mejia Roberts
P	Nicole Hamm	P	Susan Ticker
V	Latrice Carmichael	P	Yildirim “Alex” Sivar
P	James Croft	P	Leofric Thomas, Jr
P	Dr. Thomas Geismar	P	Andrew Williams, Jr.
V	Daniel Henry		

P = Present V = Present (Virtual) E = Excused A = Absent

Quorum Present: Yes

Staff Present: (GCCD) Maribel Hernandez, Jeneen Hampton, Dr. Tiffany Wells, Dr. Nicoa Garrett, Robin Carter-Tanks, Antonio Starke (V)

(OGC) Ashley Smith

(City Council) CM Will Lahnen, Liaison (V)

(Mayor’s Ofc) Dr. Tracey Polson (V)

I. Call To Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Chair Joy Hervey and introductions were made. A quorum was established.

II. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Alex Sivar, the agenda was approved as presented.

III. Public Comment: Mr. John Nooney (provided handouts)

Chair Hervey welcomed two new PSG Council Members: Leofric Thomas, Jr. and Andrew Williams, Jr.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the meeting held on February 10, 2025

Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the minutes of the February 10, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved as written.

V. Committee Reports

A. Budget Committee

The committee met and reviewed the funding letter with recommended modifications. Additional modifications will be made and submitted by the April 1 deadline.



B. Rules Committee

The committee met and discussed revisions to the application scoring rubric and PSG Bylaws. Another meeting is scheduled to continue discussion.

C. Most Vulnerable Population Committee

The committee met and reviewed the mini grants supporting documents and the PSG Human Services Framework. The annual priorities was added to the framework and will be presented for approval.

D. Outreach Ad Hoc Committee

The Outreach Committee met to discuss a plan/program for the April 28, 2025, information session. The location has been secured for Impact Church. The flyer is ready, and promotion has already started. Antonio Starke accompanied Chair Hervey on the site visit and provided options for security which are optional. Mr. Starke will send the options to the point of contact at Impact Church and copy Dr. Joy for her follow-up.

VI. Old Business

- A. Budget Appropriation Request Letter:** Budget Chair Diaz de Sandi reviewed the proposed funding request letter and received input. Additional revisions are needed including 2024 application/award numbers, resources used, reference to CPI calculation, consistency with “food and basic necessities” and wording that request is not reflective of the community needs but is a reasonable ask. Chair Hervey requested a sample of a 4Q Programmatic Report which Chief Hernandez will provide.

VII. New Business

A. Budget Amendment Request: Youth Crisis Center

Kim Sirdevan, CEO at Youth Crisis Center and Peter Hicks, Chief Development Officer, presented a budget amendment request. The agency expressed concern that a line item with previously accepted documents for receipts are no longer accepted. Staff advised there is a Change Management Plan being executed that includes more training (internal and external) on contract compliance. The council expressed to have more communication with them regarding changes and requirements. Staff will invite PSG Council members to attend one of the re-education sessions being held in March. Upon motion by Thomas Geismar, seconded by Shamika Baker Wright, the budget amendment was approved as presented.

B. MVP Framework

Chief Hernandez advised that the approved framework is required for the legislation on MVP categories. Mr. Sivar spoke on the framework and addition of annual priorities of housing, health, food and basic necessities. There was discussion about adding education and workforce development. Upon motion by Alex Sivar on behalf of the MVP Committee, the proposed MVP framework was approved. The following voted nay: Croft, Geismar, Roberts, King & Wright.

C. PSG Bylaws Revisions

Chief Hernandez provided an overview of the addition of Article X to the PSG Bylaws as it relates to Public Service Grant Scoring. Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Susan Ticker, the following Article X was unanimously approved:



Article X
Public Service Grant Scoring

Section 10.1 Scoring Committees. The PSG Council shall create a scoring committee for each category of Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs. Scoring committee members shall be assigned at random. If a scoring committee assignment results in a conflict of interest, the PSG Council Chair shall reassign scoring committee members to avoid the conflict of interest and meet the required minimum number of scoring committee members.

Section 10.2 Scorer Comments. Each application section receiving a total score of less than fifty percent (50%) of the maximum points shall contain a reviewer comment addressing the low score.

Section 10.3 Tie Breaker Process. In the event of tied scores, the higher-ranking application shall be determined by the average score in the following evaluation criteria sections, considered in this order individually until the tie is broken: 1) Quality of Program Overall, 2) Program Management Expertise and Evaluation, 3) Community Need and Target Audience, 4) Program Activities, and 5) Agency Background, Staff and Board Experience. In the event that all evaluation criteria sections are scored identically, the highest-ranking application shall be the one identifying the greatest anticipated number of people served within the Most Vulnerable Persons and Needs category as stated in the Community Need and Target Audience evaluation criteria section.

D. Committee Appointments

Chair Hervey appointed Leofric Thomas, Jr. to the Outreach Committee, and Andrew Willaims, Jr. to the MVP committee.

VIII. Announcements/Information Sharing

A. Legislative Update

Chief Hernandez provided an overview of legislation that will impact PSG Council. The legislation for the revisions to Chapter 118 has been filed. PSG Councilmembers are encouraged to attend committee meetings. There is also legislation to make changes to JSEB which may be about the micro-grant funding that CM Freeman secured.

B. High Score Model Update

Grant Administrator Hampton advised that Family Foundations declined funding. Family Support Services was the next highest scoring agency to receive funding at full request amount of \$150,000. Lutheran Social Services will receive partial funding at \$14,800.

C. Appreciation

Chair Hervey expressed appreciation to Ashley Smith, OGC, for assistance with getting the revisions to Chapter 118 reviewed and filed.

IX. Adjourn

Upon motion by Shamika Baker Wright, seconded by Thomas Geismar, the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.