

SIMSBURY DEI COUNCIL
DATA SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Regular meeting: February 26, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order and the following members were present: Rick Brush, Alex Reger, Rebekah Hatch and Mary-Margaret Girgenti. Meg Evans was unable to attend.

There was no public comment.

UPDATED INFORMATION

The Data subcommittee of the DEI Council will now send its agenda and minutes to the Town Manager's office rather than the Department of Social Services. At the February 14 meeting of the Board of Selectmen the size of the DEI committee and the term lengths were not changed. The Board did indicate that they would create a housing policy advisory committee, which would include staff across departments and would address issues beyond affordability.

It was also noted that the contract with the Data committee consultants was extended through June, 2024 and that no payment for services rendered had been paid. Committee members recommended that the consultants be placed on pause until the committee is able to engage with Town leadership on goals and next steps.

Rick Brush updated committee members on the recent listening situation with Dr. Tiffany Manuel, who earlier this year conducted a session for residents of the Town of Simsbury. Dr. Manuel is CEO of The Case Made and is putting together a Case Making playbook incorporating information from a variety of communities to assist them in getting more public support.

The major takeaway from the meeting was the importance of meeting with the Town Manager's office and Town leadership to clarify the role of the DEI council and data subcommittee.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18, 2024 from 6-8p.m. at the Simsbury Public Library Wagner Room.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m

