



CLIMBER Small Business Loan Program  
Oversight Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 24, 2021

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Treasurer Dave Young, Board Chair  
Akasha Absher  
Peter Calamari  
Monique Lovato  
Doug Price

**Additional Attendees:**

Emily Buckley - Assistant Attorney General  
Jim Eke, Treasury Staff  
Sean Gould, OEDIT Staff  
Steve Johnson, CHFA ED  
Justin Vause, CHFA Staff  
Mary Wickersham, Treasury Staff  
Rachel - CHFA

**2:00 — 2:01 Welcome, roll call**

**2:01 — 2:04 Meeting minutes from June 10, 2021 Board Meeting**

At 2:03 Monique moved approval of the June 10, 2021 Oversight Board meeting minutes with the correction of one of the May meeting minute dates. Akasha seconded the motion.

- Akasha Absher – Yes
- Peter Calamari – Yes
- Monique Lovato – Yes
- Doug Price – Excused
- Dave Young – Yes

**2:04 — 2:49 Outreach Planning Using Navigators and Chambers**

Doug joined the meeting during this conversation. Board members and staff have had discussions with Mike Ferrufino, Antonio Soto, and community members on how to proceed with outreach to minority businesses. Staff is proposing putting together a pilot program that would bring a network of navigators and closers from all over the state to do the outreach. The navigators and closers would be educated on the CLIMBER program. Staff is also proposing an incentive program for the navigators and closers. There was a discussion on having a tracking system for these incentives. Salesforce was discussed as one of the options. OEDIT works with Salesforce but the Treasurer's Office may have to do their own licensing. There were some questions on if the pilot program had incentives would it be breaking any rules.

**2:49 – 2:54 Next Meeting**

- Next Meeting is July 15th

**2:54 – 2:55 Public comments:** facilitated by Dave Young

- Written Comments
  - There were no written comments.
- Verbal Comments
  - There were no verbal comments.

**The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.**