



Downtown Stockton Enterprise Loan Fund Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: 110 N. San Joaquin Street, 5th Floor, Stockton, CA, 95202

Join by Phone for the Public: 209.464.5246

Board Members Present: Patricia Palacios (via phone), Tony Yadon, Jordan Peterson, Luis Duarte

Board Members Absent: Jonathan Jones, Nicole Snyder

Staff Present: Courtney Wood, Michael Huber

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
 - The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.
2. Public Comments
 - There were no public comments.
3. Approval of December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes – Action Item
 - A motion was made (J. Peterson/P. Palacios) to approve the December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of modification to June 2024 DSELF Financials – Action Item
 - Staff shared that through the process of getting the financials prepared by the accountant/treasurer, it was determined that interest paid by the existing loan applicants was not showing up on the DSELF monthly account statements. Valley First Credit Union was contacted and they sent over a remittance for both outstanding DSELF loans showing that the applicants were paying interest each month, but that interest was not going to a DSELF-owned account. This led to discussion with the credit union regarding terms of the contract between DSELF and VFCU; in this discussion, VFCU shared that they had anticipated collecting and keeping any interest from DSELF loans based on wording in the contract. This impacted the financials which were initially sent to the Board for review and approval, and impacts financials from June of 2024 to the current date.
 - Item 4 was tabled to the next meeting, in light of the information shared above.
5. Approval of July, August, September, October, November, and December 2024 Financials – Action Item
 - Item 5 was tabled to the next meeting, in light of the information shared above.
6. Approval of January, February, and March 2025 Financials – Action Item
 - Item 6 was tabled to the next meeting, in light of the information shared above.



7. Loan Performance Updates/Loan Delinquencies/New Applications – Informational Item

- Staff shared that the existing DSELF recipients were making their payments as scheduled. Staff also shared that there has been interest from a Downtown restaurant business as well as a business outside of the district, which would be ineligible.

8. DSELF Interest-Bearing Account – Informational Item

- Staff shared that there were two matters of interest at hand. The first matter is the fact that through the credit union, DSELF is not receiving any interest from any of the held accounts. Staff began contact with the credit union in order to find a way to move some of the DSELF money into an interest-bearing account to earn something from the money being held there. The second matter is the matter of DSELF not receiving any interest from the existing DSELF loans, which was discussed in agenda item 4. Staff shared that during contract negotiations with VFCU, it was not clarified that the credit union intended to collect and keep all interest on distributed DSELF loans. Staff shared that the only payment that had been discussed was a \$300 charge for each processed loan. Moving forward, the Board suggested that DSA aim to come up with a solution for moving unused DSELF money into an interest-bearing account to off-set the fact that the VFCU intends to keep interest from the loans. Staff alternately shared that perhaps DSELF may need to consider returning to the county for loan servicing, although this may not be ideal due to the fact that DSELF was a lower priority to the county previously. Staff will continue conversations with VFCU on this matter.

9. Determination of Eligibility for Multiple DSELF Loans – Action Item

- Discussion occurred regarding two questions which stemmed from a request from a prior DSELF loan recipient. The first question was whether a person may apply for additional DSELF loans if they own multiple businesses with separate entities. The second question was whether the same entity or individual could apply for multiple DSELF loans if they had separate dbas.
- A motion was made (J. Peterson/P. Palacios) determining that applicants may apply for multiple DSELF loans if the loans are for separate business entities, but that applicants may not apply for multiple DSELF loans for the same individual or entity using differing dbas.
- The motion passed unanimously.

10. Items for Future Consideration

- J. Peterson shared that it would be great for the City and DSELF staff to team up for a business walk. Staff shared that they had been going on business walks with SJC County and would be happy to include



the City on those walks in order to increase promotion/marketing opportunities.

11. Adjourn

- A motion was made (P. Palacios/J. Peterson) to adjourn the meeting.
- The motion passed unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 PM.

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