



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Agenda**

December 13th, 2021 5:30 PM
Zoom

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the November 22nd, 2021 Meeting Minutes
3. Committee Reports
4. Election of Officers
5. Election of Board Members
6. Virtual Holiday Celebration

Next Meeting: January 24, 2021 5:30 pm, Location TBD



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Draft Minutes**

November 22nd, 2021 5:30 PM
Bright Side Opportunities Center
515 Hersey Ave. Lancaster PA, 17603

Board Members Present: Peter Barber, Bianca Cordova, Gene Duncan, Dick Hecker, Ole Hongvanthong, Carole Kirchner, Marie King-Linares, Willonda McCloud, Martha Montes, Christina Ortega, Luis Ortega, Vicente Ramos, Nate Roach, Emerson Sampaio, Karen Schloer, Jeff Tischer

Staff: Mike McKenna, Shelby Nauman, Mike Osango, Lori Pagan, Jake Thorsen

Guests Present: Emma Hamme, LaRock Hudson, Audrey Skilton

1. Call to Order

Gene Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm

2. Approval of October 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Peter Barber made a motion to approve the October 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Jeff Tischer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

3. City of Lancaster Comprehensive Planning Presentation and discussion

Emme Hamme and LaRock Hudson provided a presentation on the City of Lancaster's Comprehensive Plan. The board provided insights on what the community needs are and what should be elevated the planning committee. Considerations included need for investments in affordable housing, improved police/community relations, and increased resources for mental health.

4. Adjournment

Martha Montes made a motion to adjourn. Willonda McCloud seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm



Nominations

Officers

Chair: Martha Montes
Vice Chair: Willonda McCloud
Secretary: Carole Kirchner

Board Members

Following individuals recommended for a three-year term on the SoWe Board

*Ashley Burkett-Glensor**

Bianca Cordova

Gene Duncan

Rachel Eck-Campbell

Dick Hecker

Willonda McCloud

Martha Montes

Karen Schloer

*Allyson Wells**

Recommended for a two-year term on the SoWe Board

*Craig Walt**

Will replace Susannah Thorsen's seat as a city of Lancaster representative on the Board.

**Indicates new member – resume/bio's below*



Allyson Wells:

Allyson Wells works with residents, community stakeholders, and partner organizations to support affordable housing as the Family Services Manager for Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity (LLHFH). Ms. Wells focuses on connecting, engaging and empowering residents to build self-sufficiency and improve their neighborhoods. She is responsible for fostering collaborative relationships with community organizations, such as the SoWe Housing Committee, as well as managing the homeownership program, providing individualized case management to Habitat families, from time of application to underwriting their future mortgage. Prior to Habitat, Ms. Wells worked at the Kraft Heinz Company as a Global Documentation and Registration Analyst, was a Literacy Advocate in the Mayor's Office of Pittsburgh and a GiftWorks Cloud Migration Specialist for Frontstream. She holds a B.A. in International Business and Spanish from Elizabethtown College, studied Economics at Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico, and is currently in the process of completing her MBA.

She is now a homeowner herself, sharing that dream on Poplar Street with her incredible husband Ryan and mischievous beagle Newt. She is proud to serve her community in a variety of ways, including being a member of the SoWe Housing Committee.