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**City of Columbia**  
**Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**  
**2:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Committee Members on Zoom:** Dr. Jennifer Bishop, Ms. Jane Downey, Mr. Andrew Rabuck, Ms. Mary Sparrow,

**Staff Members on Zoom:** Mrs. Shontay Cooper, Mr. Bret Whiting, and Ms. Tonya DeBerry-Porter

**Guest on Zoom:** Ms. Ann Tomasen, Mr. Charles Stovall, Ms. Bimala Gurung, Mr. Cyril Brasley

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I. **Welcome:**

*Dr. Jennifer Bishop, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with a full quorum present.*

II. **Approval of Amended 12/4/2025 Meeting Minutes Agenda (\*):**

**Notes: Ryan Rabuck status change from excluded to included from the meeting minutes.**

Motion: Dr. Jennifer Bishop

Approved by: Ms. Andrew Rabuck

Seconded by: Ms. Mary Sparrow

**Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.**

III. **Approval of January 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes (\*):**

Dr. Jennifer Bishop made a motion to approve the January 28, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion was approved by Mr. Andrew Rabuck and second by Ms. Jane Downey

**Outcome: Motion passed unanimously.**



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**IV. Vote: New Loan Request: Designing Grace (\*):**

Mr. Bret Whiting presented details of owner presenting their interest for new loan request, as well as owner (Ann Thomason) presenting a basic overview to the committee.

**V. Vote: New Loan Request: Image Nation, LLC dba Image i. Studios (\*):**

Mr. Bret Whiting presented details of owner presenting their interest for a new loan request, as well as owner (Charles Stovall) presenting a basic overview to the committee.

**VI. Vote: New Loan Request: Pokarah, LLC (\*):**

Mr. Bret Whiting presented details of owner presenting their interest for a new loan request, as well as owner (Bimala Gurung) presenting a basic overview to the committee.

**VII. Vote: New Loan Request: Beauty Art by Roy, LLC(\*):**

Mr. Bret Whiting presented details of owner presenting their interest for a new loan request, as well as owner (Cyril Brasley) presenting a basic overview to the committee.

**VIII. Executive Session Dial-In**

The committee entered executive session at 2:26 p.m. to discuss confidential matters.

**IX. Executive Session Dial-In**

The committee entered executive session at 2:28 p.m. to discuss confidential matters.

**X. Return from Executive Session & Votes**

**Item IV—New Loan Request: Designing Grace:**

Motion to approve: Mr. Andrew Rabuck, second by Ms. Jane Downey

**Result: Motion passed unanimously.**



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**Item V—New Loan Request: Image Nation, LLC dba Image i. Studios**

Motion to approve: Ms. Jane Downey, second by Mr. Andrew Rabuck

**Result: Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item VI—New Loan Request: Pokarah, LLC**

Motion to approve: Mr. Jane Downey, second by Mr. Andrew Rabuck

**Result: Motion passed unanimously.**

**Item VII—Beauty Art by Roy, LLC**

Motion to approve: Mr. Andrew Rabuck, second by Ms. Janes Downey

**Result: Motion passed unanimously.**

**XI. Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

*(\* Indicates committee approval required.*