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**City of Columbia**  
**Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2025**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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**Committee Members on Zoom:** Bret Whiting, Ms. Felicia Kilgore, Mr. Ryan Coleman, Ms. Diane Rushing, and Ms. Jane Downey

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

**Guests on Zoom:** Jason & Kim Rickman, Cassandra Brown, Chantelle Graham

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I. **Welcome:**

*Dr. Jennifer Bishop, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. with a full quorum present.*

II. **Approval of Agenda (\*):**

Dr. Bishop, made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Felicia Kilgore and approved by Mr. Ryan Coleman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

III. **Approval of May 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes (\*):**

Dr. Bishop, made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan Coleman and



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approved by Ms. Felicia Kilgore.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IV. Vote: New Loan Request: Venture X (\*):**

Mr. Bret Whiting introduced Mr. and Mrs. Brickman, the owners of Venture X, who provided an introduction of their business.

*(Discussion held in executive session. See item X below for vote details).*

**V. Vote: New Loan Request: 5 Star Dental Academy, LLC (\*):**

Mr. Whiting introduced the owner, Ms. Cassandra Brown, who presented her business.

*(Discussion held in executive session. See item X for vote details.)*

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

Mr. Whiting introduced the owner, Chantelle Graham, who presented her business.

*(Discussion held in executive session. See item X for vote details.)*

**VII. Vote: Loan Modification Request: Sunrise Artisan Bath & Body:**

*(Discussion held in Executive Session – see Item X below for vote results)*

**VIII. Vote: Loan Modification Request: Holiday's Barber Shop:**



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*(Discussion held in executive session. See item X for vote details.)*

**Discussion held in Executive Session – see Items below for vote results**

**IX. Executive Session: Dial-In: 877-336-1831 | Access Code: 9710029**

The committee entered executive session at 2:55 p.m. to discuss confidential matters.

**X. Return from Executive Session**

The committee returned from executive session at 3:08 p.m. and took the following actions:

- **Item IV:** Dr. Jennifer Bishop, chair, motioned to approve the new loan request for **Venture X**.  
**Motion passed.**
- **Item V:** Dr. Bishop motioned to approve the new loan request for **5 Star Dental Academy, LLC**.  
**Motion passed.**
- **Item VI:** Dr. Bishop motioned to approve the new loan request for **Columbia Pilates, LLC**.  
**Motion passed.**
- **Item VII:** Dr. Bishop motioned to approve the **Loan Modification Request for Sunrise Artisan Bath & Body**.  
**Motion passed.**
- **Item VIII:** Dr. Bishop motioned to approve the **Loan Modification Request for Holiday’s Barber Shop**.  
**Motion passed.**



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XI. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at approx 3:12 P.M.

(\*) *Indicates committee approval required.*