

Maine Recovery Council – Special Committee

May 15, 2025 9:00 AM EST

Remote – via Zoom

Secretary Betsy Fitzgerald opened the meeting; welcoming Council members and members of the public who were previously notified they could observe but could not participate in the meeting. Betsy asked Executive Director Mary Coyne to summarize the hiring process for a new Executive Director. Mary reported that ten applications were reviewed and four were chosen for interviews which finished last Monday 5/12. The Executive Committee deliberated and was unanimous in their recommendation of hiring Council member Chasity Tuell as Executive Director. Chasity Tuell resigned from the Council on May 14th, 2025. Council Member Maggie McLoughlin expressed support for the selection and asked if due diligence had been done regarding Chasity's background, Mary said she had done so and was impressed by Chasity's depth of community-based work, her skills and experience. Council member Joe Everett was impressed with Chasity's authentic responses to the interview questions.

The motion to hire Chasity Tuell as the next Maine Recovery Council Executive Director at \$85/hour for up to 40/hours per week, starting July 1st 2025 for a one year term was approved by roll-call vote (Everett/Vinsel, 8-0). A quorum of Council members were present and on camera, and each voting member was able to be seen and heard by each participating Council member, Council staff, and OAG staff. Council members acknowledged the outcome of the vote and continued conversation about the future onboarding of Chasity as the new Executive Director. Mary said she would be working with Chair Pat Kimball to fill the Council seats recently vacated by Bruce Noddin and Chasity Tuell.