
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

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African American Reparations Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2023

5:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the Commission Secretary at 415-252-2500
Agenda and other information are available on the HRC website: www.sfgov.org/sfhumanrights

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND COMMITTEE ROLL CALL *(Action Item)*

Present: Gloria Berry, Rev. Dr. Amos Brown, Tiffany Carter, Omerede 'Rico' Hamilton, Daniel Landry, Freddy Martin, Eric McDonnell, Dr. James Lance Taylor, Starr Williams

Attending Remotely: Gwendolyn Brown, Nikcole Cunningham, Anietie Ekanem, Tinish Hollins, Shakeyla O'Cain

Absent: Laticia Erving

Quorum was reached, the meeting was called to order.

Ancestral Acknowledgment read by Member Daniel Landry.

Raymatush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement read by Member Dr. James Lance Taylor.

2. 3:42 ADOPTION OF THE JUNE 5, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING, JULY 10, 2023 REGULAR MEETING, AND AUGUST 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AND NOTES *(Discussion and Possible Action Item)*

Review and anticipated adoption of video recordings, meeting minutes, and meeting notes from the African American Reparations Advisory Committee's June 5, 2023 Special Meeting, June 12, 2023, July 10, 2023, and August 14, 2023 Regular Meetings.

Motion to Adopt the June 5, 2023 Special Meeting and June 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes:
1st Gloria Berry, 2nd Tiffany Carter

Affirmative Votes by Members in Person: Gloria Berry, Rev. Dr. Amos Brown, Tiffany Carter, Omerede 'Rico' Hamilton, Daniel Landry, Freddy Martin, Eric McDonnell, Dr. James Lance Taylor, Starr Williams

The minutes and notes were unanimously approved without changes.

Attending Remotely: Gwendolyn Brown, Nikcole Cunningham, Anietie Ekanem, Tinish Hollins, Shakeyla O'Cain

Absent: Laticia Erving

3. 7:37 REPORT BACK ON AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS (*Discussion Item*)

This is time for the Human Rights Commission staff to report back on community engagement meetings convened between the August 14, 2023 and September 11, 2023 African American Reparations Advisory Committee meetings.

Presentation: Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis, Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Eric McDonnell, Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Tinisch Hollins, Vice Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Director Davis reported the Human Rights Commission, in partnership with community organizations and the African American Reparations Advisory Committee hosted seven listening sessions in the Bayview, Western Addition, Fillmore, Potrero Hill, Lakeview, Tenderloin, and one with MegaBlackSF. Collectively, 230 individuals representing all ages, gender identities, and neighborhoods participated. The team has one more session scheduled in Sunnydale/Visitacion Valley.

Public Comment: Ace Washington, Conjans Lee, Harrison Combs, Brian Santana, Leontine Collins, Dr. Virginia Marshall, Cheryl Thornton, Malik Seneferu, Dennis Williams, LaDonna Williams, Alicia Mayo, Muhammad al Kareem, Fanny Preston, Jeffrey Greer, Naj Daniels, Derek Adams, Ameer Bay, Monique el Amin, Naseera Ageela,

Committee members shared their thoughts about engagement and public testimony on this item. Members talked about the meetings they attended: Gloria Berry, Rev. Dr. Amos Brown, Gwendolyn Brown, Tiffany Carter, Omerede 'Rico' Hamilton, Tinisch Hollins, Daniel Landry, Freddy Martin, Eric McDonnell, Dr. James Lance Taylor, Starr Williams

4. 1:32:11 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE PRESENTATION OF THE REPARATIONS PLAN TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (*Discussion Item*)

The Chair and Vice Chair will lead a discussion about presenting the San Francisco Reparations Plan to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on September 19, 2023.

Presentation: Eric McDonnell, Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Tinisch Hollins, Vice Chair, African American Reparations Advisory Committee, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

Public Comment: Ace Washington, Maddie Scott, Dee Dee Hewitt, Ameer Bey, Dr. Virginia Marshall, Malik Seneferu, Fannie Preston, Sammie Broadnax, Alicia Mayo

Committee Comment: Discussed prioritizing specific recommendations, benefit of cash payments and prioritizing seniors. Discussed the rally, speakers, articulating harm and how much reparations will ultimately benefit the city, importance of the Office of Reparations. Speakers: Gloria Berry, Tiffany Carter, Daniel Landry, Eric McDonnell, Starr Williams

5. 2:12:47 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (*Discussion Item*)

Members of the public may address the Advisory Committee on matters that are within the Reparations jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Committee as a whole and not to individual Committee Members or Department personnel. Kiante Clark: Discussed their San Francisco descendency and eligibility requirements.

Tasmin Adams: Discussed cash, land, health care, free and accessible public education, litigating against redlining.

LaDonna Williams: Discussing surveys conducted regarding support for Reparations.

Nasira Ageela: Shared concerns about health care system and the tie in with poor diet.

Ann Rubin: Thanked Vice Chair Hollins for presenting to the San Francisco Black and Jewish Unity coalition.

6. 2:27:00 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Rev. Dr. Amos Brown.

Transcription of the meeting minutes are available upon request to the Committee Secretary, reparations@sfgov.org.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm.