



Reparations Taskforce Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2023 - 6 pm

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POST AGENDA MINUTES – RATIFIED

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****A QUORUM WAS PRESENT****

Members Present: Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Marcus Coleman, Rodney Littles, Bernice King, Michael Simanga, Mike Russell, Amanda Meng

Staff Present: Jasmine Campbell, Jessica Corbittt, Denval Stewart

Meeting Opening:

- Quorum is established and roll call taken.
- Vice Chair Coleman suggests addition to the agenda of communications to the new business section. Motioned by Mr. Littles. Seconded by Mr. Russel. Motion passed.
- Adoption of the agenda of June 15th meeting agenda at approximately 6:04 PM.
- Welcome to Dr. Bernice King by the Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Dr. King explains that she asked Commissioner Hall about the Task Force when she first heard about it. She explains that her father would have supported reparations saying, “If you've done something against the people for hundreds of years, then you have to do something for them.”
- Ms. Campbell explains that with new member, quorum increases to 5 and we now have 5 vacancies remaining in the task force as a whole.
 - Dr. Simanga requests a list of which commissioners have not appointed members to the task force so that task force can reach out.
 - This list is available on the website

Old Business:

- Communications – update on communications to the Georgia Gang
 - Jessica Corbett, director of the department of external affairs sent a request to the Georgia Gang and there has been no official response.
 - Vice Chair Coleman requests that the communication be forwarded to the task force.
 - Vice Chair Coleman requests that he be included in communications regarding in-person meeting and clarifies that all task force members be included in communications regarding the task force so that we can all be included in decisions and discussion.
 - Ms. Campbell responds:
 - She will send a note to Ms. Corbett and Ms. Calhoun that executive board be included in communications.
 - Explanation of the process of the county preparing for an in-person meeting: establish quorum of task force members ahead of time via email, contact 4 other county departments, get approval from the clerk to the commission's office, contact the Information Technology department, police department.
 - The task force needs to amend the bylaws to include how public comments will be handled
 - She will send the task force examples of other public comment bylaws
 - Vice Chair Coleman's final point on the topic of communications is for members of the task force to have Fulton County email address for correspondence related to the task force or if there can be a central email address for correspondence to the task force that can then be distributed to all members.
 - Ms. Campbell's response: the request for Fulton County email addresses has been shared with IT and anyone who does not want their personal email on the Fulton County task force website can request to have it removed. She can ask about the central email address.
 - Mr. Russel shares that he has been contacted by a reporter for an interview regarding the Reparations task force and wants to know the parameters for participating in interviews.
 - Chair Alvarado-Sims responds that there is no established guideline yet and that in practice, when press reach out, we make Ms. Calhoun aware.
 - Need to create a new bylaw that addresses this
- Scope of Work
 - Chair Sims-Alvarado requests and update from Attorney Stewart on the status of the scope of work for AUCC

- Attorney Stewart response: The contract for the AUCC must be approved by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. The contract will be on the BoC July 12th agenda.
- Attorney Stewart, Felicia Strong Whitaker, the purchasing agent, and Ms. Calhoun will draft the contract based on the budget and scope of work provided by the task force. They request a breakdown of the how the funding will be spent and a timetable for the completion of the work, so that there are controls in place to ensure oversight of the contract and that the work gets done.
 - Chair Alvarado-Sims explains that the AUCC is simply the fiduciary agent. They will not be doing the research. Amanda Meng has started to draft specific research questions and deliverables but this will take time to complete
 - Chair Alvarado-Sims proposes the contract end date of October 31st, 2024 to cover the time up until the report is due to the BoC. This data would include the deliverables of the empirical study and the feasibility study.
- Motion by Mr. Littles that the details of the contract be worked out by the executive members of the task force with the purchasing agent and Attorney Stewart without the need to involve the full board. Motion seconded by Dr. Simanga. Motion passes.

New Business:

- Transferring funds to fiscal agent
- Reporting for fiscal agent
 - [discussed as part of the Scope of Work discussion above]
- Informal meeting to discuss Scope of Work
 - Mr. Littles, Dr. Simanga, and Dr. Meng offer to help Chair and Vice Chair

Meeting Ending:

- Discussion of National Reparations Convention where Chair Alvarado-Sims spoke on a panel.
- 7:31 PM chat was opened for public comment and questions

Public Comments

- Included at end of minutes document

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM

01:41:58 Sagittarius: Dr. King what interested you in this Taskforce or was the position suggested to you?

01:42:34 Nadira Muhammad-Smith: As Black American whose ancestors have endured chattel slavery. I urge you to recommend the following for our Reparations bill.

1. Lineage-Based Reparations

To those who can track their families back to 1865 and have had their families classified as either Mulatto, Colored, Negro, or Black, and currently classified as Black within the last ten (10) years.

2. Delineation

We are a specific ethnic group with a specific culture. We are not African-American. We are not people of color. We are not minorities.

3. Immigration

To stop illegal immigration, increase the deportation of unauthorized immigrants, and bring an end to birthright citizenship Anti-Black

4. American Hate Crime Bill To have Black Americans classified with protected status.

5. Protection from CPS for Black American Children

We want the same protections for Black American children that Native American children have under federal laws and statutes.

01:43:10 Sagittarius: Dr. King are you familiar with lineage based reparations and do you support it? Also, do you work with organizations such as naarc and ncobra?

01:44:12 M B: There seems to be a few members who have an issue attending regularly. Has the chair considered an attendance requirement which if violated results in removal from the Task Force?

01:44:25 Kenzo: Pardon me if I missed this earlier but is this Task Force focusing on Lineage based Reparations?

Lastly, As a Black American whose ancestors also endured chattel slavery I 100% agree with Nadira

01:46:15 Wykeisha Howe Community Champion (She /Her): What about the other positions on the task force, I saw 14 positions online, yet their are less than 8 to 10 people who show up to this task force meeting as members

01:47:19 Sagittarius: Do you think members of this Taskforce have relationships to groups and harbor ideologies that could create a conflict of interest with the goal of this Taskforce? Groups that have globalist ideologies and large funding from people who do not prioritize reparations for Black Americans. Not just the Decolonizing Wealth Project but also; Naarc, Ncobra, NAACP, Nation of Islam etc...

01:47:42 CARRY IT: All lineage based direct cash payments should be tax exempt for Black Americans.

01:49:07 Jason ross: when the meeting first started, I heard some

of the members talking about having their emails removed from public view. is it the objective to make access to members exclusive? if so, why? also, how can I determine if someone from my district has already served 2 yrs?

01:49:53 Addri-MAC: Yvette Carnell has done extensive research on lineage based reparations and should be seriously considered

01:52:13 Jason ross: how do I go about being appointed?

01:52:41 CARRY IT: How big of an influence has Chair Kamilah V. Moore been to this task force

01:52:49 Sagittarius: Will we be able to see what the \$250,000 is being spent on?

01:53:16 Addri-MAC: Calif. reparations was a failure. I hope none

01:53:54 CR Dizz: I strongly suggest all members of the taskforce be of the lineage. we shouldn't have anyone that is not of our lineage speaking on our harms and what we're owed.

01:54:34 Sagittarius: Why is Rodney the only one answering questions? We'd like to speak to the chair and vice chair, respectfully. The chair woman knows Kamilah Moore and we'd like her perspective on her ideologies and mentors.

01:55:01 Addri-MAC: Identity does not matter, only ideology and seriousness

01:55:18 Jason ross: is there information online that goes into detail about the studies and research that will be purchased with the current funds?

01:55:30 Nadira Muhammad-Smith: Is it a conflict of interest if the board members are apart of pan-African organizations?

01:56:47 Addri-MAC: It should be. They seem to try and make our claim international

01:57:38 Last 1: What documents will you all consider when determining eligibility? And what date do you all have established for time of harm?

01:57:50 CR Dizz: Is there a cut off year that y'all research team stopping at or is it 1850?

01:58:40 Rodney Littles: Check the website of the task force for details