

**Fulton County Reparations Task Force**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 6 p.m.**

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## **POST AGENDA MINUTES – RATIFIED**

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

- **Present:** Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado (Chair); Marcus Coleman (Vice-Chair); South Fulton Mayor Khalid Kamau; Elon Osby
- **Absent:** Tamika Jackson; Shanti Vissa; Olivia Reneau (Research Fellow)
- **Staff Present:** Fran Calhoun (External Affairs); Jasmine Campbell (External Affairs)
  
- **No action or votes were taken at this meeting.**

- **Discussion Topics:**

1. *Establishing Resolution*

- Changes in establishing resolution reviewed including confirmation that each Fulton County Commissioner may appoint two members and resident requirements for district appointments.
- Website will be updated with both resolutions.

2. *District 1 and District 3 Member Updates*

- Official status of District 1 (Shanti Vissa) and District 3 (Elon Osby) members will be confirmed with the Clerk to the Commission's Office by Fran Calhoun after review of Bylaws and Establishing Resolution.

3. *Report of BOC Meeting and EOY Report*

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Chair

- Discovered typos, will resubmit report to Fran Calhoun to update record.
- Chair and Vice-Chair Marcus Coleman presented annual report at the January 18, 2023 Fulton County Board of Commissioners meeting. During the meeting, the Reparations Task Force was awarded \$250,000 to support two research studies: empirical and feasibility.
  - Empirical study will research specific areas, to be determined by full task force at later date, and lead to reparations recommendations. Data for this

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study will be quantitative and qualitative. Following reparations recommendations, the feasibility study will determine costs and number of years to complete.

- Timeline for study: April 2023-November 2024

Marcus Coleman, Vice-Chair

- Expressed gratitude for support by Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. for budget approval.

4. *Communicating with Commissioners*

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Chair

- Requested all members keep their appointing Commissioner informed on Reparations Task Force activities to continue support.

5. *Organizing Research Study*

Fran Calhoun

- Provided overview of next steps including procurement requirements and potential contracts for researchers. Will reach out to Fulton County Procurement and Finance Departments for more details.
- Requested Task Force determine research partners and scope of work.
- Confirmed she is the liaison to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners and will reach out to relevant staff for upcoming meetings based on task force questions.
  - Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Chair agreed to send questions to Fran Calhoun.

Olivia Reneau

- Provided examples of parallel research and framework outlines.
- Offered research services to task force once topics are determined.
  - Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Chair requested task force members think about key areas proposed in the report to answer upcoming research and methodology questions.
- Suggested task force host expert witnesses to provide testimony at future meetings.

6. *Panels and Presentations*

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- Recommendations should be based on feedback from descendants of slaves in Fulton County. Panels will allow researchers to gain community input and shape study.
- Received notice from several groups to support including use of Atlanta University Data Science Initiative grants.

Marcus Coleman, Vice-Chair

- Funding will be used for two town halls. Dates and locations need to be determined, suggested first town hall be at Morehouse.

7. *Survey and Poll*

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Chair

- Funding for surveys and polls will be necessary and task force will need to adjust budget.
- Reminded members Olivia is only with the task force until May 2023 and has limited funding.
- Provided examples of changes in Reparations polls over time and education needed to inform the public.
- Survey questions will be presented at the next meeting.

Olivia Reneau

- Will circulate Reparations public opinion poll methodology to members before next meeting including sample surveys.
- Financial resources for poll limited to \$500 for research reimbursements.
- Suggested joining external research contract team to help with the scale of survey needed.
  - Fran Calhoun will determine resident database resources used by Fulton County. Contract with customer service provider will be reviewed to determine potential costs.

8. *Historical Nature of Reparations Task Force*

- Chair and Vice-Chair provided examples of national and local media coverage of the historical nature of the Reparations Task Force. Both would like more media coverage and public attention to efforts.

**Public Comments**

- Members answered questions and addressed comments in *Chat below*:  
01:29:59 Fran Calhoun: Are there any audience questions?

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01:32:16 Addri-MAC: ADOS ppl are sleeping under the bridges and Alvarado has not stopped laughing.

01:32:31 Larry Riley: When is the Town hall?

01:34:03 Ms T Morgan: next zoom meeting?

01:34:11 S. Bernstein: Who do we contact if we would like our nonprofit to give a presentation to the TF?

01:34:46 Fran Calhoun: fran.calhoun@fultoncountyga.gov

01:36:02 Ms T Morgan: lineage is tracing your lineage back to an enslaved person or the 1870 census

01:36:16 S. Bernstein: Who is the eligible party for reparations? it must be specific.

01:37:27 Larry Riley: When determining eligibility keep in mind it must withstand court challenges, law suits.

01:38:03 Ms T Morgan: correct @larry

01:38:17 Larry Riley: In Black Communities

01:39:02 Addri-MAC: On a reparations task force? The goal isn't repair?

01:39:17 Kanika McCall: can I help in this remarkable journey?

01:39:20 Juliet Rankins: I agree Larry Riley. The South Fulton resolution is full of race and not lineage at all. It was written incorrectly.

01:39:47 Larry Riley: The only way it holds up in court is if the eligible recipients are the Descendants of Slavery

01:40:42 Larry Riley: Anything based on race will be thrown out due to the Constitution.

01:41:51 Addri-MAC: POC again huh? POC weren't in the killing fields ma'am

01:41:52 Juliet Rankins: I agree Larry but that's the way it is written. All about race. They will have to learn from the mistake made in writing that resolution the wrong way.

01:42:17 S. Bernstein: Reparations must repair a specific group for specific harms

01:42:53 Ms T Morgan: that's right Marcus, let's not reinvent the wheel

01:43:42 Juliet Rankins: California Bill was lineage based but has turned into a housing program

01:43:45 S. Bernstein: Thank you all

01:43:47 Sims C: take care