



Reparations Taskforce Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2023 - 6 pm

Zoom Link:

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POST AGENDA MINUTES – RATIFIED

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

Members Present: Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Marcus Coleman, Tamika Jackson, Rodney Littles, Amanda Meng, Elon Osby, Mike Russell

Staff Present: Fran Calhoun and Jasmine Campbell

Meeting Opening:

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.
- Mike Russell, appointed by Commissioner Bridgette Thorne in District 1 was introduced.
- Review and adoption of meeting agenda. Motion by Coleman; Seconded by Jackson.
- The February & March 2023 minutes will be approved during the May 2023 meeting.

Old Business:

- Tamika Jackson was nominated as secretary of the Reparations Task Force of Fulton County. Motion by Little, Seconded by Coleman.
- Motion to amend the October 2022 minutes to reflect that Tamika Jackson was not yet a member of the Task Force by the October 6, 2022 meeting, therefore her lack of attendance was not an absence. Motion by Jackson; Second by Coleman.
 - The motion passed unanimously

- Chairwoman confirmed Staff and Researcher Olivia Reneau’s last meeting will be the May 2023 meeting
- The Task Force will postpone performing Empirical Based study until the funds needed to conduct the survey are made available.

New Business:

- Rodney Littles, appointed by Khadijah Abdur-Rahman of District 6 was self-introduced.
- Mr. Coleman addressed the cancelation of the March 16, 2023 meeting and suggested in the future the Task Force should vote prior to canceling meetings if there is a quorum present.
- Mr. Coleman stressed the importance of defining eligibility of candidates prior to the completion of the survey.
 - Chairwoman suggested this topic be placed at the top of the April 20th work session agenda.
- Introduction of Dr. Michael Hodge, Executive Director of the Atlanta University Center Consortium (AUCC).
 - Dr. Hodge discussed the AUCC and how they can serve as the fiscal agent for managing resources needed for the Empirical Based study.
 - The AUCC offered to be the fiscal agent for administering the grant
 - Indirect cost recovery charge for the Task Force is 10%
- Introduction of Dr. Talitha Washington PhD, Director of the Atlanta University Center Data Science Initiative (AUC DSI).
 - Dr. Washington discussed how the AUC DSI could partner with the Task Force to provide data driven solutions
- Mr. Coleman asked why there is a need for a fiscal agent. Chairwoman explained the Task Force cannot receive the funds directly, therefore a fiscal agent is needed to handle the disbursement and reporting of funds.
- Mr. Littles asked if the AUC DSI is a separate entity of the AUC or part of one of the colleges specifically.
 - Dr. Washington clarified that the AUC DSI is housed within the AUCC.
 - Mr. Littles asked for further clarification that part of the spend in which the AUCC is managing will be used towards AUC DSI researchers.
 - Dr. Washington confirmed that payment for AUC DSI researchers will be a part of that spend.
- Chairwoman presented the proposed Reparations Task Force Organizational Chart. The chart is attached.

- Chairwoman further explained that the Task Force will utilize both contract researchers and AUC DSI researchers.
- Ms. Calhoun explained once the fiscal agent is selected, the agreement with the agent would be a Fulton County contract granted by Fulton County dollars and the county would be entering an MOA with the AUCC. The county is looking for the full scope of work so the contract could be defined.
- Chairwoman asked Dr. Washington of possible conferences where the Task Force findings could be presented.
 - Dr. Washington discussed the opportunity of presenting the Task Force findings during the internationally broadcasted AUC DSI Data Science Seminar series.
 - Dr. Hodge clarified that DSI money for conference attendance is limited to AUC faculty and staff only.
 - Ms. Calhoun recommended including journal entries, panels or podcasts in the MOA with funding credit going to the county.
- Mr. Littles suggested the task force utilize the AUCC to serve as the fiscal agent with the AUC DSI performing the quantitative data research. Motion by Littles; Second by Jackson.
 - Motion passed:
 - Yay
 - Karcheik Sims-Alvarado
 - Tamika Jackson
 - Rodney Littles
 - Amanda Meng
 - Elon Osby
 - Mike Russell
 - Abstention
 - Marcus Coleman
- Mr. Coleman asked how Fulton County can receive money from the Georgia Lottery and the Cannabis, in relation to Reparations payments.
- Q & A was held. A roundtable of thanks and appreciation was offered by taskforce members.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.