



Reparations Taskforce Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023 - 6 pm

Zoom Recording:

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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, Amanda Meng, Elon Osby, and Michael Simanga

Staff Present: Fran Calhoun, Rico Dollar (technical support), Denval Stewart, and Felicia Strong-Whitaker

Meeting Opening:

- Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.
- Review and adoption of meeting agenda. Motion by Coleman; Seconded by Littles.
- Announcement of meeting format related to chat messages and questions, and clarification that Fulton County residents can serve on the taskforce by being nominated by a member of the Board of Commissioners.

Old Business:

- Announcement that Taskforce needs a Secretary Officer. Chairwoman stated that Ms. Jackson shared that she is willing to serve if no one else will serve. Will vote on Secretary position at the April 2023 meeting.
- Review and adoption of the January 2023 meeting minutes

New Business:

- Existing taskforce members and new taskforce members made self-introductions.
- Staff and Researcher Olivia Reneau made self-introductions.

- Procurement Director Strong-Whitaker shared that she would like to hear the procurement needs of the Taskforce and will be happy to assist with developing a memorandum of agreement.
 - Chairwoman shared that the Atlanta University Center Consortium, with Morehouse College as the lead, are willing to provide the research for the taskforce. AUCC is willing to serve as the fiscal agent. AUCC has a Data Science Initiative and MSM offered to assist with quantitative research by hiring graduate students and to help provide structure. MSM offered to serve as needed including researchers and convenors.
 - Derval Stewart clarified that the RT cannot receive the funds directly, but that a County Department would provide the lead agent for the agreement with the external research entity.
 - Fran Calhoun confirmed that Mr. Stewart's comments.
 - Chairwoman explained that the Taskforce will make presentations to the public community and receive feedback through town hall meetings. A feasibility study would then be developed after the empirical data and public feedback are consolidated in the form of taskforce recommendations.
 - Discussion ensued about possible roles for AUCC institutional members.
 - Dr. Simanga stressed that a timeline for this work is important
 - Mr. Stewart clarified that grants to non-profits is normally through an application process. The taskforce would make recommendations through a County department which will likely serve as the taskforce's liaison. It is possible that a sole-source vendor could be utilized if there is a specialized service being provided as long as conducted in compliance with Procurement processes.

- Mr. Coleman suggested that the taskforce meet twice monthly going forward. Agreement was made to meet virtually twice monthly, and to host townhall meetings and report outs in person rather than taskforce meetings. Mr. Coleman made the motion and Mr. Littles seconded the motion and suggested that the second meeting be a work-session, indicating that the taskforce will meet on the first and third Thursdays, with major presentations being held in person.
 - The motion passed unanimously.

- A presentation was by Olivia Reneau on how to conduct public opinion research and recruitment methods. The presentation is attached.
 - Ms. Meng stated that one month's time to plan and execute may be too ambitious; would like to review the goals of the surveys and would like more time to review.

- Introduction of Yvette Carnell, American Descendants of Slavery Foundation (ADOS). Ms. Parnell made a presentation on how ADOS is conducting its work to build a case for reparations. Presentation is attached.

- Q & A was held. A roundtable of thanks and appreciation was offered by taskforce members.
- October 2022 ratification was attempted but had to be postponed due to a lack of a quorum.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.