

# Race Equity Advisory Council

**Date:** Thursday, March 16, 2023

**Time:** 6-8 p.m.

**Location:** virtual

**Council members present:** Paola Ehrmantraut, Deran Cadotte, Roberta, Yolonda, Raquel, Susan, Johnathan, Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield, Larry Hiscock, Roberta Reindorf, Raquel, Jarabek, Bocar Kane

**Council members not present:** Miamon Queeglay, Debjyoti Dwivedy (DD), Yolanda Rogers

**County Staff:** Shawn Sorrell, Vernona Boswell, Pat Zagaros, Alison Weiler

## Agenda

Approved current month agenda

**Motion: Jonathan            Second: Roberta**

**All in favor, March meeting agenda is approved**

- **This included an addition to the agenda for the income committee.**

Approved past month meeting notes

**Motion: Larry            Second: Jonathan**

**All in favor, meeting notes are approved with amended comment**

- **This included a comment Larry included as an amendment.**

Advisory History and Contributions

- Larry shared a power point presentation sharing past actions taken by the board and prior work.
- The documentation was uploaded and made available to members via BaseCamp.

Member acknowledgements

- Members leaving  
Deran Cadotte  
Mahogany Ellis-Crutchfield

Debjyoti Dwivedy (DD)

Larry Hiscock

Jonathan McClellan

Miamon Queeglay

- Members continuing
  - Paola Ehrmantraut
  - Roberta Reindorf
  - Susan McPherson
  - Raquel Jarabek
  - Yolanda Rogers
  - Bocar Kane
- Gratitude for those leaving was shared. Well wishes for the members continuing and acknowledgement of previous accomplishments.

#### Current topics of conversation/discussion

- The Hennepin County Attorney advised that the bylaws and charter do not expressly address what happens when there is a vacancy in an officer position. In the absence of any express provision in the bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order governs. Article II, Section 6 of the bylaws states: "The spirit and intent of the Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall guide the formal meeting of the Council." Robert's Rules provides that the vice chair serves in the absence of the chair. So that means that the current vice chair can act as chair until a new chair is elected in May. The secretary position can be filled by an election of the Council at its next regular meeting. The new secretary will only serve until the May election of officers. (Although the bylaws state that the term of office for any officer shall be one year, I believe that if the Council elects a new secretary before the May election, that person can only serve until the May election, but could then be elected at the May election to serve a full year.)

#### Income committee update

- Raquel and Bocar previously met to discuss meeting schedule. The group will convene every other Saturday at 10 am beginning March 25.
- Bocar will Chair the group and Raquel will act as backup.

#### Human rights presentation

- Vernona Boswell presented the Minnesota Department of Human Rights findings from the investigation into the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Police

Department. The report and PowerPoint presentation were made accessible via BaseCamp.

- Discussion among the group included reaction, federal/international human rights, and acknowledgement of concerns.

#### April Meeting Location

- Discussion around possible meeting locations (NorthPoint and Brooklyn Crossings).

**Motion for next meeting at NorthPoint location: Roberta Second: Susan  
All in favor, motion passes**

#### Adjourn

**Motion: Roberta Second: Larry  
All in favor, motion passes**