

# Race Equity Advisory Council

**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023

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

**Location:** NorthPoint Conference Center

**Council members present:** Susan McPherson, Roberta Reindorf, Raquel Jarabek, April Salchert, Samba Fall, Yolanda Rogers, Jigar Mistry

**Council members not present:** Paola Ehrmantraut, Bill Tipping, Joan Blakey, Olufunso Oresanya, Bocar Kane

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

**Guest:** Commissioner Irene Fernando

## Notes

Approved current month agenda

**Motion: Samba      Second: Roberta**  
**All in favor, June meeting agenda is approved**

Approved past month meeting notes

**Motion: Samba      Second: April**  
**All in favor, meeting notes are approved**

Welcome and Introductions

- The group did introductions and each person shared their name, equity area of interest, and a skill they possess.

Guest Speaker – Commissioner Irene Fernando

- The commissioner spoke about their work and history with the Hennepin County board. Topics discussed by the group included gender affirming care, income, shelter, mental health, etc.

## Minimize Agenda to Extend Guest Time

**Motion: Jigar Second: Samba**  
**All in favor, motion passes**

## Committees – Updates

- Youth mental health: Committee planning to meet in the upcoming months. Meetings with staff are currently scheduled for July to answer the groups questions.
- Income: Committee has been meeting every two weeks. Getting together Tuesday, June 20. Will be reaching out to staff for clarifying questions and information around pathways programs.
- Juvenile justice/youth violence: Due to time constraints this committee will hold until the following year.

## July Meeting Location

- Group agreed that they like the NorthPoint Conference Center as a location and moved to a vote.  
**Motion for next meeting at NorthPoint location: April**      **Second: Samba**  
**All in favor, motion passes**

## Adjourn

**Motion: April Second: Samba**  
**All in favor, motion passes**