

Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: NorthPoint Conference Center

Council members present: Susan McPherson, Raquel Jarabek, April Salchert, Samba Fall, Yolanda Rogers, Joan Blakely, Ralph Yehle, Paola Ehrmantraut

Council members not present: Bocar Kane, Roberta Reindorf, Jigar Mistry, Olufunso Oresanya, Esther Mwangi

County Staff: Vernona Boswell, Alison Weiler

Notes

Approved current month agenda

Motion: Joan Second: Samba
All in favor, September meeting agenda is approved

Approved past month meeting notes

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

Welcome

- New member, Ralph, introduced himself.

Presentations and requests

- Two forms for the groups consideration; 1. Request for information, 2. Request for a speaker.
- Any edits/changes will be submitted to Alison. Alison will work with April to share the final forms. These will be utilized in 2024.

Annual report

- Timeline
 - Thursday, September 21st REAC monthly meeting.
 - Friday, September 29th draft report due to REAC membership.
 - Friday, October 13th draft report due county communications staff.
 - Friday, October 27th final report due to board.
 - Thursday, November 2nd communicated to the board.
 - Tuesday, November 14th board presentation.
- The council broke into committee groups to work on writing sections of the report.

August 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: none
All in favor, motion passes
- Chair made a formal request to Hennepin County staff for a Board Action Request (BAR) to be written and submitted regarding change of location for future.

Adjourn

Motion: Samba Second: Yolonda
All in favor, motion passes