



RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

The Racial Equity Commission met virtually, in accordance with State and Federal guidelines designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by John Willis.

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Willis, Kesha Hamilton, Daveda Quinn, Donita Bentley, Freddie Dancy, and Lee Hampton.

Absent: Daniel Mahoney.

Also Present: Mayor Derek Dobies, Aaron Dimick, and Bethsemame Williams.

MAYORAL WELCOME:

City of Jackson Mayor Derek Dobies offered a mayoral welcome to the Racial Equity Commissioners.

INTRODUCTIONS:

A brief introduction was given by Daveda Quinn, Kesha Hamilton, Donita Bentley, Bethsemame Williams, Lee Hampton, Freddie Dancy, and John Willis.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee Hampton and seconded by Commissioner Daveda Quinn to adopt the agenda. Vote – Yeas: Commissioners Hamilton, Quinn, Bentley, Hampton, and Dancy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Uni Cunningham offered a citizen comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION

Motion was made by Commissioner Donita Bentley and seconded by Commissioner Daveda Quinn to nominate Commissioner Kesha Hamilton as Chair of the Racial Equity Commission. Commissioner Kesha Hamilton accepted the nomination. Vote – Yeas: Commissioners Hamilton, Quinn, Bentley, Hampton, and Dancy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Daveda Quinn and seconded by Commissioner Freddie Dancy to nominate Commissioner Donita Bentley as Vice-Chair of the Racial Equity Commission. Commissioner Donita Bentley accepted the nomination. Vote – Yeas: Commissioners Hamilton, Quinn, Bentley, Hampton, and Dancy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Daveda Quinn to nominate Commissioner Freddie Dancy as Secretary of the Racial Equity Commission. Commissioner Freddie Dancy did not accept the nomination. A second motion was made by Commissioner Donita Bentley and seconded by Commissioner Freddie Dancy to nominate Commissioner Daveda Quinn as Secretary of the Racial Equity Commission. Commissioner Daveda Quinn accepted the nomination. Vote – Yeas: Commissioners Hamilton, Quinn, Bentley, Hampton, and Dancy. Nays: none. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation by City of Jackson Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.

John Willis made the presentation to the Racial Equity Commission.

NEXT MEETING:

Strategic Planning Meeting – A Doodle Poll was sent to the commissioners via email to determine meeting date and time.

Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS:

Commissioners Daveda Quinn, Donita Bentley, Freddie Dancy, and Kesha Hamilton all offered comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Donita Bentley and was seconded by Commissioner Freddie Dancy. Vote – all in favor. Commission Kesha Hamilton adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.