

Howard County Council

Racial Equity Task Force



Meeting: Legislative Process Subgroup Meeting

Start Time: May 10, 2021 4:10 p.m.

End Time: May 10, 2021 6:04 p.m.

Task Force Members:

Rashida George
Allyson Owens
Dana Davenport
Beth Hufnagel
Laura Mettle
David Koralov
Sanjay Srivastava (absent)
Kathryn Valentine (absent)
Lucas de Melo (absent)

Council and Facilitator Attendees:

Karla Morrison-Brooks, Groundwork Partners
Colette Gelwicks, County Council
Jeff Meyers, County Council

Materials:

[Agenda](#)

Approved Minutes:

Rashida George, Subgroup Chairperson, opened the meeting with a roll call. Quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, so no previous meeting minutes were initially approved. The check-in asked members to share insights on the Racial Equity Task Force's public hearing last week. Feedback shared included the importance of increasing public engagement, the general supportive nature of the recommendations, and the potential impact of the short turnaround time to review recommendations and sign up to testify.

Ms. Karla Morrison-Brooks, Facilitator, opened the conversation up to members to debrief the recommendation development process, especially with the given deadline. Questions were asked around potential overlaps with other subgroups and the next steps. An additional question was asked around whether opportunities for additional public feedback exist.

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Following the discussion on the recommendation development process, Ms. Morrison-Brooks provided members with additional information about the next steps in the process. She clarified what would be included as part of each final recommendation and the timeline.

Subgroup members then reviewed the current recommendations, providing feedback and refining the recommendations. The recommendations fell under the following categories: Councilmanic Redistricting Commission, Student Involvement in the Legislative Process, Legislative Process, Boards and Commissions, County Budget and Programs, Public Engagement, and Transportation. During the discussion, additional subgroup members joined the meeting, and quorum was achieved.

Given that quorum was achieved, Ms. George made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 Legislative Process Subgroup meeting. Ms. Dana Davenport seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously. Ms. George made a second motion to approve the minutes of the Task Force Kick-off Meeting from November 19, 2020, and the minutes of the Task Force Public Hearings from March 4, 2021 and May 6, 2021 for consideration. Ms. Davenport seconded the motion and all minutes were unanimously approved.

Ms. Morrison-Brooks shared the upcoming next steps and deadlines with subgroup members. All subgroup members agreed that their recommendations were ready to be shared with the County's Office of Law for feedback.

Ms. George adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.