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## Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting | October 8, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

### Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Dewayne Dickens, Brian Humphrey, Margaret Love, Jameelah Stuckey, Maybelle Wallace, Juddie Williams, Tony Williams

Commissioners Absent: Marquess Dennis, David Harris, Larissa McNeil, Anthony Payne, Burlinda Radney, Kandy Whitley-White, Kristi Williams, Jon Paul Ray

#### I. Call to Order and Introductions

- a. Meeting called to order Dickens 6:09 pm.

#### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Not at quorum, did not approve meeting minutes.

#### III. Chair's Report

- a. Chairman Dickens shared an update on the two organization seats that the commission voted on in the last meeting. He sent in orgs based on action items from last meeting, the items were approved by the Mayor and we are waiting for them to make their way through city council. When everything is approved, we will have new commissioners from Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce and Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

#### IV. GTAAAC Black Educator Excellence Award Ceremony Planning

- a. Commissioner Stuckey reported on the award ceremony.
  - i. Awardees have been notified and the ceremony will be in City Council chambers. Commissioner Stuckey spoke to the principals of the two schools the awardees teach at, and they will be in attendance as well.
  - ii. Mayor Bynum & Dr. Wimberly will attend and speak. Commissioner Love has requested Dr. Johnson's attendance, and we are waiting to hear back.
  - iii. The commission will have a signup to bring food and/or drinks for the reception. Chairman Dickens has a website, Perfect Potluck. The link will send out to help coordinate so there aren't duplicate items, and the site will automatically send a reminder for what you sign up for.
  - iv. The commission is asked to promote event.
    1. Other commissioners have been invited to the award ceremony as well.

#### V. Committee Reports

- a. **Policy Recommendations** - no report
- b. **Community Engagement and Culture Promotion**
  - i. Commissioners reviewed the October GTAAAC Newsletter, prepared by Commissioner McNeil.



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- ii. Commissioner McNeil sent a report via email: The committee is meeting on 10/18 and working on securing speaker for an upcoming meeting. Additionally, they are planning spoken word contest for Juneteenth 2025

**c. Education and Skill Building**

- i. Commissioner Love is working in community, attended State of Education conference hosted by Tulsa Chamber. The event rewarding and educational, shared information on how to help students be job ready.
- ii. Commissioner Stuckey: The committee will produce an op-ed before the new year related to chronic absenteeism. The information will be based on the Equality Indicators Report and Dr. Johnson's speech at State of Education. This will be the first op-ed for GTAAAC.

**d. Human Rights Commission**

- i. Commissioner McNeil sent an update via email: HRC continues to focus on civic engagement. The commission is learning about history of civic engagement in Oklahoma. The commission also chose the 2024 Humanitarian of the Year recipient, Amairani Perez-Chamu.

**VI. Old Business – no Old Business**

**VII. New Business**

- a. Commissioner Stuckey raised the issue of voting. Absentee ballots need to be notarized. Commissioner Love shared she is a notary. Commissioner Stuckey suggested to work with Terrence Crutcher Foundation on voter education. Voting for president and Tulsa Mayor on November 5.
- b. Commissioner Wallace: Mayoral Candidate Forum at Vernon AME on 10/14 from 6 – 8 pm.
- c. Krystal noted that registration deadline for November election is this Friday 10/11. Tulsa Voter Coalition is sharing information to educate the public.

**VIII. Announcements / Public Comments**

- a. Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday 10/10 at City Hall, City Council Chambers.
- b. Dr. Johnson is speaking at the November meeting. If you have questions in advance, send to Lexi and Commissioner Stuckey.
- c. Commissioner Juddie Williams: Plugged In Remote Work Summit by Tulsa Remote 10/16 & 17 at Living Arts of Tulsa.
- d. Leading Transformational Change event with NextGen United (Tulsa Area United Way's young professionals group) this Thursday 10/10 at 11:30 at OSU-Tulsa.
- e. Public Comment:
  - i. Equity Dialogue Facilitators needed for Growing Together. If you are a trained facilitator, check your email.

**IX. Adjournment**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:39pm.