MARCH 2025

MEETING: MARCH

11, 6 PM



Kristi Williams, a founding commissioner of GTAAAC, has been recently nominated for the Maxine Horner Lifetime
Achievement Award by the Greenwood Business Center for her work with Black History Saturdays and the National Geographic.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

COMMISSIONER BURLINDA RADNEY announced the end of her term with GTAAAC. Chair Dickens and the rest of the commission expresses extreme gratitude for her service.

ERRAN PERSLEY, the Chief Economic Development Director for the City of Tulsa spoke at GTAAAC's February meeting. He announced several economic projects the city is engaged in, including: Tulsa Space Testing Center, Crusoe, NorSun, Tulsa Hills Marketplace, Kirkpatrick Heights, Convention Center Hotel, Education Begins with Home Initiative, and Zinc Lake opening.

The **EDUCATION COMMITTEE** met recently to discuss their 2025 goals. These goals will likely focus on previously discussed issues plaguing TPS's African American students, including literacy, chronic absenteeism, and family engagement. They have also met with other commissions' education committees and will meet again to solidify actionable ways to collaborate. Additionally, they are working on a resource guide for families.

The **POLICY COMMITTEE** has new leadership with Commissioner Radney's departure. Commissioner Marquess Dennis will serve as Chair, and Commissioner Jon Paul Ray will serve as Co-Chair

The **CULTURE COMMITTEE** shared the dates of Theatre North's most recent play, "Trouble in Mind." The culture committee is also committed to continuing to provide this monthly newsletter to keep the community updated on GTAAAC's work.

GTAAAC NEWSLETTER

Tuesdays: Yoga for Every Body; Central Library, 6:00 p.m.

- **3**: A Night of Literacy for Teens & Young Adults; The Gathering Place, 5:30 p.m.
- 5: Travels with Tulsans A Journey from Tulsa to Ghana; Rudisill Library; 12:10 p.m.
- 5: CeCe Winans Concert More Than This Tour; Victory Church, 7 p.m.
- 7: First Friday; Living Arts District, 6:00 p.m.
- **8**: Auditions for Theatre North Chicken & Biscuits; Rudisill Library, 10 a.m.
- **8**: Black Barbie: A Documentary screening; Circle Cinema, 2:00 p.m.
- **14**: Building Intergenerational Connections Lunch & Learn; Rudisill Library, 12:00 p.m.
- **15-17**: St. Patrick's Day Block Party; McNellie's Downtown, 12 p.m.
- 17-21: Tulsa Public Schools Spring Break
- **21**: Bingo Night Benifiting Be Heard Movment; 732 W New Orleans St. Suite 160, Broken Arrow, 5:30 p.m.
- **21-22**: Afro Flavourz Grand Opening; 8242 E 71st Unit 8242, 4:00 p.m.
- **25**: Connection & Inspiration Learning at the Dinner Table; Rudisill Library, 6:30 p.m.

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