

APRIL 2025

# GREATER TULSA AFRICAN AMERICAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION NEWSLETTER



Jameelah Stuckey, Co-Chair of the Education Committee, will be speaking at the 2025 Women's Leadership Summit hosted by Leadership Tulsa on April 30 to share her insights on "Neurodiversity in Leadership."

## CHAIR REPORT

Chairman Dickens shared his priorities for his service at the March meeting. Those priorities include:

- *Filling seats with active commissioners.* Dr. Dickens notes that the commissioner seats should be filled with active servers who represents industries of both community challenges and successes.
- *Reviewing committees.* Dr. Dickens will support committees as they identify their priorities and realistic achievable goals for the year. 2025 will be Chair Dickens's last year as Chair.

## COMMITTEE UPDATES

### **POLICY COMMITTEE**

A group of committee members met with D.R. Horton, the largest housing development company in the U.S, which has begun work in Greenwood. They are focusing on issues of feasibility, affordability, and community impact.

They are looking to build nearly 200 homes, with an average price of \$290,000. They are also seeking subsidies to make costs more affordable. This is an opportunity for GTAAAC to align with Mayor Nichols's housing priority.

### **CULTURE & ENGAGEMENT**

The committee is hard at work planning the inaugural Spoken Word contest. After speaking with Tulsa Juneteenth planners, the contest will be included in the Tulsa Juneteenth promotional materials.

The committee is also working to prepare a calendar of local events that GTAAAC might be able to attend to share the work that the commission is doing.

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The committee met with Lori Long from Junior Achievement Oklahoma during their March meeting. They are also discussing parameters for the 2025 Black Educator Excellence Awards. In addition, they are compiling a resource guide supporting literacy that contains existing resources for families.

The committee shares that Tulsa Public Schools and Tulsa Regional Chamber are collaborating on a program to support students who are college-bound.

### **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

The HRC invited Nathan Pickard, the Auditor for the City of Tulsa, to speak at the March meeting. Mr. Pickard shared his duties as the city auditor, which include annual risk assessments, department surveys, and pushing for accountability for the outcomes of Tulsans.

In addition, HRC Chair Walker and Vice-Chair Robinson are working together to streamline processes to make meetings more efficient and effective.

## EVENTS

Tuesdays Yoga for Every Body, Central Library - 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: Build-A-Reader Storytime, Rudisill Library - 10:30 a.m.

3: History in Plain Sight Exhibit and Gallery Talk, Living Arts of Tulsa - 7 p.m.

4: Greenwood Live, Greenwood Ave. - 6 p.m.

8: Brown Bag Book Discussion: "James" by Percival Everett, Rudisill Library - 11:30 a.m.

11: Art Crawl on 66, Art Emporium 66 - 6 p.m.

17: Movie in the Park "Inside Out 2", Guthrie Green - 7:30 p.m.

19: The Muscogee Creek Freedmen Saga, Rudisill Library - 1:30 p.m.

25: In Their Own Words: Jermaine Stone & Jabee, Philbrook Museum - 6 p.m.

25: Wine and Hip Hop, Philbrook Museum - 7 p.m.

26: Orbits Arts Festival, Tulsa Performing Arts Center - 10 a.m.

26: Birthright Living Legacy Park Crawl, Whiteside Park - 1:00 p.m.

April 8, 2025  
City Hall - 6 p.m

African American Black History  
Resource Center Saturdays