

Overview

The Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission (GTAAAC) is a group of mayoral appointed volunteers established by City Ordinance in 2017. The Commission is comprised of 23 representatives from the African American community. The Commission primarily serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council by conducting research and recommending policies, programs, and initiatives to aid their community.

The Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission is one of six Title V Commissions staffed by the Department of Resilience and Equity. It heavily contributes to City of Tulsa's Resilience Strategy pillar to build an inclusive future that honors all Tulsans and celebrates our diversity. The Resilience Plan serves as a roadmap to address Tulsa's most pressing challenges and seeks to build capacity among residents, city systems, and community partners to build a more resilient, equitable, and world class city.

The Commission is made up of twenty-three members of African American descent appointed by the mayor. Twelve members serve as representatives for organizations whose primary mission is to advance or provide services to African American culture and heritage. Eleven members serve at large.

Strategic Committees

**Policy
Recommendation**

**Education &
Skill Building**

**Community
Engagement**

2026 Focus

Through coordinated efforts as a commission, [GTAAAC will] help position Tulsa as a city where Black individuals and families choose to live, work, and build generational stability, strengthening economic opportunity and community vitality.

Strategic Questions:

- What conditions in Tulsa might cause African American individuals and families to leave or choose not to move here?
- What conditions would attract and retain African American individuals and families in Tulsa?
- What role can your committee play in strengthening those conditions?
- What is one action or initiative each committee could champion that would make impact over the next 5 – 10 years?



2026 Commissioners, pictured standing left to right: Brian Humphrey (Chair), Ray'Chel Wilson (Vice-Chair), Dr. Patricia Carter-Breeckner, Symone Gittens, Jon Paul Ray, Jameelah Stuckey, Marquess Dennis, Michelle Burdex, Mikaele Vaughn, Larissa McNeil, Dr. Dewayne Dickens, Juddie Williams, Tracye Love-Chandler, Tony Williams; sitting: Maybelle Wallace, Margaret Love.