



Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting | June 23, 2026 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | Room 10 North

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Patricia Carter-Breeckner, Michelle Burdex, Marquess Dennis, Dewayne Dickens, Symone Gittens, Brian Humphrey, Margaret Love, Tracye Love Chandler, Larissa McNeil, Jon Paul Ray, Jameelah Stuckey, Mikeal Vaughn, Maybelle Wallace, Juddie Williams, Tony Williams, Ray'Chel Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Kristi Williams

I. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. A quorum was not yet present.

II. Guest Speaker: John Hetherington, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator – Neighborhood Conditions Index and Neighborhood Academy

- a. John Hetherington and Alisia Myers from the City of Tulsa's Planning and Neighborhoods Department presented the Neighborhood Conditions Index (NCI).
- b. NCI is a report that clearly highlights strengths and areas of improvement in each neighborhood. It's a tool for dialogue and action planning. There is a report for each of the 80 neighborhoods in Tulsa.
- c. There are nine chapters and each one gets a score. Chapters include land use; housing and neighborhoods; parks and recreation; transportation; communities (civic engagement); environment and natural resources; economic development; history, culture, and creativity; and public services.
- d. Priority group helps the City of Tulsa determine which resources to deploy in which neighborhoods.
- e. Reports include area snapshots: demographics, public services, etc.
- f. Commissioner Ray arrived at 5:43 pm
- g. Commissioners Dennis and Vaughn arrived at 5:44 pm. The commission was now at quorum.
- h. Commissioners Love, Love Chandler, and Wallace arrived at 5:45 pm.
- i. Chairman Humphrey and Commissioner Gittens arrived at 5:47 pm.
- j. John and Alisia overviewed the handouts distributed about various neighborhood-based programs.
- k. Commission Discussion
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson asked for clarification on the various avenues for individuals and neighborhood associations to get more involved. Alisia shared that Neighborhood Academy is the first place to go. Neighborhood Collaborative and NCI are tools to further leverage.



- ii. Commissioner Wallace asked if these services extend to other counties,
Alicia: Programs are focused on Tulsa city limits

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to approve May meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Love made a motion, Commissioner Love Chandler seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 15
 - a. Commissioner Stuckey was not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, May meeting minutes approved.

IV. Executive Committee Report

- a. Commissioner Stuckey arrived at 5:58 pm.
- b. Strategic Focus Committee Meeting: Discussed a survey of Black Tulsans.
Brentom Todd's participation in the committee will help GTAAAC and the Mayor's Office target work to best meet the needs of African American residents.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Policy Recommendations
 - i. Commissioner Ray anticipates the committee will discuss local elections and GTAAAC's strategic focus in their next committee meeting.
- b. Community Engagement and Culture Promotion
 - i. Commissioner McNeil is working to broaden GTAAAC's newsletter's reach.
 - ii. The organization database could expand over time to be a next iteration of Buy Black Tulsa.
 - iii. Commissioner McNeil requests all commissioners send her a headshot so she can feature everyone in the newsletter.
- c. Education and Skill Building
 - i. Commissioner Vaughn is working to get committee meetings on the calendar for the first Monday of every month.
 - ii. The committee started preparations for the Black Educator Excellence Awards. Working to get on the mayor's calendar and hoping to have trophies in addition to certificates this year.
 - iii. Discussed supporting community back to school events.

VI. Liaison Report

- a. Human Rights Commission – no report

VII. Action: Vote to Recommend Human Rights Commission Liaison for Appointment

- a. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to recommend Commissioner McNeil continue as GTAAAC's liaison on the Human Rights Commission (HRC).
 - i. Commissioner Dennis made a motion, Commissioner Wallace seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 16
 - ii. Motion carried, Commissioner McNeil is recommended to continue as GTAAAC's liaison on HRC.

VIII. Old Business

- a. New Commissioners Burdex and Gittens introduced themselves.

IX. Guest Speaker: Amalfi Parker Edler, Battered Women's Justice Project



- a. The Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP) is a national legal resource center with seven centers that intersect with all forms of gender-based violence. Amalfi directs the National Center on Systems Change and Advocacy.
- b. BWJP was brought to Tulsa by DVIS and GKFF at the end of 2023. Oklahoma has one of the highest rates of domestic violence in the country.
- c. Mayor Bynum appointed 11 agencies to a commission, then Mayor Nichols transitioned the commission to a task force to protect needed safety of the data and conversations shared. The Task Force includes a Domestic Violence Working Group of 70+ practitioners, advocates, service providers, and community partners.
- d. Mayor Nichols will be signing new executive order defining a clearer focus for the task force and possible expansion to bring on more agencies.
- e. BWJP is focused on community outreach, connecting with diverse groups of Tulsans, and convening service providers that address intersecting issues and basic needs.
- f. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Commissioner Love Chandler: What role does the healthcare system play in supporting survivors? Amalfi: Healthcare system often does its own coordinating and stays a silo; however, BWJP is recommending to the task force to initiate better coordination.

X. New Business – no new business

XI. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Rudisill Regional Library is closing on Saturday and will reopen in fall at the new building.
- b. Public Comments
 - i. Excellence Academy launched yesterday. It's a PreK – 12, Black led, community build private Christian School in north Tulsa.

XII. Adjournment

- a. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Dennis made a motion, Commissioner Tony Williams seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 16, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.