



Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission Public Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2025

Presiding:

Dr. Inte'a DeShields, Chair

Attendance: Commissioners Sadiq Ali, Agzja Carey, Anthony Francis, Dr. Khalilah M. Harris, Eric Jackson, Danise Jones Dorsey, Billie Marie Malcolm, Dr. Doris Minor Terrell, Andre Turner, Rev. Dr. Robert Turner, Dr. Ray Winbush

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm on Monday, December 15, 2025.

The Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission met to address critical operational and governance issues.

- Treasurer Jones-Dorsey and Vice Chair Harris presenting a draft operational budget totaling \$746,300 in administrative expenses from \$5 million in appropriated funds
- Commissioners voted to approve
- Discussion ensued about strained relationship with the Office of Equity and Civil Rights (OECR), revealing that OECR was designated as the temporary anchor agency without the Commission's input despite the Commission's previous vote to anchor with the Comptroller's Office
- Vice Chair Ali presents a counterproposal submitted to OECR six weeks prior that asserts the Commission's autonomous decision-making authority over fund distribution rather than advisory grant-making, though OECR has not responded.
- After extensive debate about enforcement mechanisms, good faith concerns, and the discovery that \$300,000 had been earmarked by OECR for a City equity assessment without Commission approval
- The Commission voted to temporarily work with OECR if the City agrees to the shared roles and responsibilities outlined in the counterproposal, with authority for the Executive Committee to negotiate pending the Maryland Attorney General's opinion on the Commission's autonomy to select an anchor agency and control fund expenditures.
- Commissioner Carey presented [draft bylaws](#) for future discussion



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Next Steps

- Chair: Communicate with OECR liaison to begin drawing down approved budget funds for administrative support and community engagement activities; Address \$300,000 earmarked for city equity assessment with OECR, clarifying alignment with war on drugs reparations mandate; Establish website and formalize communication channels with administration for public awareness of commission work
- Executive Committee: Meet to review public meeting discussions, develop strategy for next steps with OECR, and determine timeline for response
- Executive Committee: Authorize negotiations with OECR based on counterproposal submitted November 3, 2025, pending Attorney General's advice on commission autonomy
- Commissioners Agzja Carey and Robert Turner: Revise bylaws draft based on commission feedback, including clarifications on terms, compensation codification, and alignment with 8 harms framework
- Commissioner Sadiq Ali: Schedule special meeting dedicated to comprehensive bylaws review with legal counsel support
- Commissioner Sadiq Ali and Community Engagement Committee: Develop Q1 community engagement strategy including outreach to community leaders and associations
- Executive Committee: Explore alternative leverage options including op-ed and City Council public hearing as discussed by Commissioner Carey

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm