



Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission Public Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2025

Morgan State University - Earl S. Richardson Library

Attendees: Commissioners Sadiq Ali, Agzja Carey, Dr. Inte'a DeShields, Danise Jones Dorsey, Dr. Khalilah M. Harris, Eric Jackson, Billie Malcolm, Dr. Doris Minor Terrell, Dr. Robert Turner, Dr. Raymond Winbush

Not Present: Anthony Francis, Andre Turner

The meeting was called to order at **6:05 pm**. Commissioner Harris taking minutes.

I. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of minutes moved by Commissioner Dorsey to adopt with correction of the spelling of Commissioner Carey's name, 2nd by Commissioner Harris - 1 objection by Commissioner Carey. Minutes were adopted.

II. Agenda Approval

Upon request for modification, Commissioner Carey asked to have an agenda item added to discuss support for parliamentary procedure. The item was added to section IV as item B. A motion was made to adopt the agenda as amended with Commissioner Harris 1st and Commissioner Carey 2nd - approved by unanimous consent

III. Chair's Report

- Update on the passage of Senate Bill 894, modifying the Community Reinvestment & Repair Fund for the State of Maryland. Discussion ensued with a request to find out from Maryland's Office of Social Equity where the resources would come from to undertake strategic planning since OECR has said administrative funds can't be used without a spending plan?
- Commissioners noted that we will need to work in congruence with stakeholders to create a strategic plan. There was also interest in learning if a short-term plan could be created to release operating dollars for more in depth planning, whether or not OSE has a time frame for the period of the

strategic plan to be returned to them, and to learn whether or not a clear format is available.

- Madam Chair also noted she'd requested budgets for other City Commissions. She received communication that those full budgets were not public and was directed to a city government website to be shared.

IV. Executive Board Vacant Positions

- Following the election of officers at the May 12, 2025, Commission meeting, the position of Secretary/Historian was vacated by Commissioner Agzja Carey via email to the members.
- Commissioner Robert Turner was nominated and accepted, with an affirmative vote to fill the role by unanimous consent.
- There was discussion about ensuring parliamentary responsibilities were being filled to support meeting flow. A reminder that the Commission is using Robert's Rules of Order temporarily until fully trained on Meeting Ma'at was offered.
- A decision was made to have Commissioner Harris support meetings with parliamentary procedure as an advisor to Chair DeShields while members were trained on and prepared to transition to Meeting Ma'at.

V. Committees

- 2nd Vice Chair Harris led the discussion on committee leadership as a follow up from the previous meeting. She shared a proposal from the Executive Committee to appoint Dr. Raymond Winbush to chair the Policy & Research Committee, which was accepted unanimously by the members. A motion from the Executive Committee was submitted to add the role of Policy & Research Chair to the Executive Committee as an officer, which received a 2nd from Commissioner Jones-Dorsey. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
- Discussion followed regarding members of the public serving on committees, with agreement from Commissioners. An additional suggestion was made to have committee structure reflecting the same included in bylaws.
- A presentation from Commissioner Jones Dorsey about what the role of the [Finance Committee](#) would do for the Commission. Following the presentation, a motion was made to add a Finance Committee as a fifth standing committee. The motion received a 2nd from Commissioner Jackson and was approved by unanimous consent.

- Discussion ensued about the addition of co-chairs to the Commission. Madam Chair noted she would appoint co-chairs following communication with members about their interests in serving.

VI. Treasurer Report

- Treasurer Jones Dorsey shared a report for information purposes, including a request for feedback on what items should be included in the Commission budget.

VII. Professional Development

- 1st Vice Chair Ali led a discussion about professional development and strategic planning for Commissioners. Members agreed to the weekend of September 12-14, 2025. He solicited agenda items and goals for consideration in building out the agenda. The following items were surfaced:
 - Training on required reports by the city & state
 - Feedback from people working on reparations efforts
 - Overview on what the “war on drugs” is, its impacts, and invitations to directly impacted people
 - Learning about the impact on the Black family as a structure
 - Refining use of meeting Ma’at
 - Structures on grant-making
 - Fiscal control structures
 - Team building exercise - potential joint community service
 - Healing/Leadership Circle
 - Coalition building with others working across the state on similar commissions as well as nationally on reparations
 - Primer/abbreviated introduction for warriors/healers/builders (IYA Institute)
 - Power analysis
 - Intergenerational leadership → Mechanisms for getting young people engaged in the work
 - Bylaw development
 - Decision-making framework
- Due to time constraints, a request for potential facilitators will be followed up on by Commissioner Ali will follow up on this item. He clarified the retreat would be subject to Open Meetings Act requirements for some segments, while others are appropriate for closed session. A recommendation was also made to bring in guest researchers and experts to meetings to support unpacking available data and research in support of commissioner’s learning and informing the broader public.

VIII. Public Comment

- Nathaniel Hicks, Jr. Minorities for Medical Marijuana
- Charles Brooks - Summit on Racial Justice in South Africa
 - District-based events with themes and to inform the public what the CRRC's purpose is so we minimize confusion
- Tyrane Brown - Recent Morgan State University graduate
 - Emphasis on engaging young people, HBCU students, etc. in the work of the Commission
- Kristerfer Burnett - Deputy Commissioner for Civil Rights in the Mayor's Office of Equity and Civil Rights
 - Provided brief context on the establishment of the Commission from his tenure on the City Council

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Harris moved for adjournment at **8:02 PM**