



City of Baltimore
Community
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Commission

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Public Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2026

Presiding:

Sadiq Ali, 1st Vice Chair

Attendance: Commissioners Agzja Carey, Dr. Inte'a DeShields, Anthony Francis, Dr. Khalilah M. Harris, 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 6:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2026.

2nd Vice Chair, Khalilah Harris, was elected as the new Commission Chair completing the two-year term of Commissioner DeShields, and succeeding interim chair Sadiq Ali. The Commission reported significant operational milestones including live social media accounts, two active RFPs, and a sole source contract with Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle. Finance reporting confirmed \$8.5M available by appropriation to the Office for Equity and Civil Rights for reparative investment and ~\$22M remaining in a non-lapsing fund.

Decisions Made

- **Chair Election:** Khalilah Harris nominated, seconded, and elected by secret ballot (10 responses)
- **March 2026 Minutes Approval Tabled:** Approval of March minutes deferred to next public meeting pending transcript review to resolve Commissioner Carey's dispute over her recorded abstention
- **Agenda Reordered:** Minutes review moved to end of meeting by chair's prerogative
- **Warrior Healer Builder Training:** Commission to enter sole source contract with **AYA Institute** for two-day professional development training; dates unresolved, likely September

Completed Milestones

- **Social media live:** Instagram and Facebook accounts active under @BaltimoreCRRC
- **Two RFPs live:** Strategic planning/community engagement + strategic communications; open June 8–28

- **Sole source contract:** Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle engaged as strategic policy advisors
- **Fiscal sponsor:** Baltimore Civic Fund contracted to reduce administrative burden for small disbursements
- **Documentary:** Baltimore Legacy Project invited select commissioners to participate in a reparations documentary
- **Full-time staff role:** Administrative position (~95% Commission support), housed at OECR, posting going live next week
- **Bylaws:** Executive committee finalizing near-final draft for full commission redline and vote at Q1 meeting

Finance Summary

- **FY26 appropriation:** \$5M from non-lapsing fund → 15% (\$750K) admin, \$4.25M community distribution
- **FY27 appropriation:** Additional \$5M appropriated; second \$750K admin budget requires Commission vote
- **Total available for community:** \$8.5M currently with OECR, untouched
- **Non-lapsing fund balance:** ~\$32M total accumulated (approx. 8 tranches from state cannabis tax revenue)
- **Civic Fund transfer:** ~\$152K moved to Baltimore Civic Fund to cover two RFP contracts, sole source, and community stipends
- **Open issue:** Interest accruing on the \$32M fund — Commissioner Malcolm flagged that earned interest must be accounted for and should remain with the fund; Commission agreed to seek clarification

Q&A Highlights — Public Comment

- **Q (Baba Imhotep):** Will communities access funds through traditional red-tape processes? → **A:** Commission committed to a reparative framework that may not resemble a standard grant application; stewardship and accountability still required but structure may be unprecedented
- **Q (Marcus Francois):** Any updates on vacant seats for Districts 8 and 11? → **A:** No Commission update; OECR rep (Lisa Kelly) to follow up; interested parties encouraged to contact their councilperson and email the CRRC inbox
- **Q (Marissa Stone):** Is a participatory research process in place? → **A:** Strategic planning RFP includes co-designing community engagement sessions

Pending Confirmation

- Attorney General opinion on Commission's independence and charter amendment interpretation still outstanding
- Warrior Healer Builder training dates: September options to be requested from AYA Institute and recirculated

- Vacant commissioner seats for Districts 8, 11 and 12 — OECR to provide update
- Interest accrual on non-lapsing fund — clarification needed from Office of Finance

Action Items

- **Khalilah Harris / Executive Committee:** Develop FY27 administrative budget for adoption
- **Khalilah Harris:** Pull Q3 Zoom transcript to reconcile Commissioner Carey's minutes dispute before Q1
- **Lisa Kelly (OECR):** Provide update on District 8, 11 and 12 commissioner appointments
- **Vice Chair Ali/ Commissioner Francis:** Recirculate Warrior Healer Builder date options (including August 22–23 and September) to all commissioners including absentees
- **All Commissioners:** Follow and amplify CRRC social media accounts; share RFP postings with qualified consultants
- **Commission:** Seek formal clarification on interest earned on non-lapsing fund

Next Meeting

Q3 Public Meeting — agenda to include bylaws vote, FY27 budget approval, and Q1 minutes approval

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.