



City of Baltimore
Community
Reinvestment and
Reparations
Commission

Community Reinvestment and Reparations Commission | Q1 Public Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 2, 2026
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Minutes from q3 meeting of 2026 - March 2, 2026

- I. Call to Order (5 minutes) at 6:04
- II. Welcome and Introductions/Roll Call; all appointed commissioners present except for Commissioner Minor Terrell
- III. Review of Minutes - December 15, 2025
 - A. 2nd Vice Chair Harris motioned to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Commissioner Jackson
 - B. Unanimously approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda (5 minutes)
 - A. Commissioner Jones Dorsey moved to approve the agenda second by Commissioner Harris
 - B. Unanimously approved
- V. Review Bylaws
 - A. Commissioners discussed modifications to the bylaws
 - B. Commissioner Jones Dorsey recommends a memorandum of understanding between the Mayor's Office and the Commission
 - C. Commissioner Malcolm made a motion to do a line by line review of bylaws drafted by Commissioners Carey and R. Turner, second by Commissioner Ali
 1. Motion passed with one abstention Commissioner Jackson
- VI. Distinguishing Between Grantmaking & Reparations presented by Commissioner Wimbush

- A. Discussion: The report was received favorably by Commissioners

VII. Year in Review / Chair's Report

- A. Discussion of the September meeting with OECR and the Mayor's office noted absence of an agenda, no agreement on autonomy nor mission etc., and general stance preventing the Commissioner from doing the work laid out in the City ordinance.. Note that for 5 months we have been sitting on our hands without being given the funds to do our work. Chair says the individuals are great but the system needs to be fixed.
- B. Chair says we will be much more aggressive this year, going directly to the Mayor, moving with a greater level of transparency, and using boiler plate templates to contact our city councilors, and share with the public more of what we have been dealing with. Current fund is approximately \$35 million only 5 appropriated to the Commission through OECR that we have not received access to or direction for spending down yet.
- C. Operations with OECR
 - 1. AG opinion request to clarify change in legislation to require City to submit a plan to OSE did not supercede the City Ordinance creating an autonomous Commission
 - 2. Counterproposal - Update from OECR and Mayor's Office should be forthcoming after months of requested information
 - 3. Information on stipend explained
- D. Engagement
 - 1. Commissioners discussed submission of a letter to the City Council
 - 2. Use the same bio submitted for the website

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Community Engagement
 - 1. Missing bios should be submitted for inclusion in website and connection to community members

IX. New Business

- A. Chair DeShields announced that she is resigning.
 - 1. Discussion occurred about voting for the next chair.

2. Commissioner R. Turner motioned to table the election of chair until the next meeting and use this time to celebrate commissioner DeShields
3. All in favor except Comm. Carey abstaining

X. Public Comment

- A. Zakiya Sankara-Jabar serves on Montgomery County CRRC had a comment and wanted to know if she could get a copy of our bylaws.
- B. Charles Brooks Owings Mills, Maryland shared he is originally from New York and traveled to South Africa. He asked is there a process for the public to be involved with the work of this commission?
 1. The Chair replied that our website is housed under OECR with a list of commissioners and we'd be updating the webpage. Also, there is a plan for community engagement that will move forward.

XI. Adjournment Made by Commissioner Jones Dorsey, and second by Commissioner Carey at 7:48pm