

Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission

MEETING MINUTES #26

July 12, 2021

Attendance

David Armenti	X	Kirkland Hall	X
Iris Barnes	X	Elizabeth Hughes	X
Simone Barrett	X	Elgin Klugh	ABSENT
DeNeen Brown	ABSENT	Gary Norman	X
Jacqueline Bullock	ABSENT	Carl Snowden	
Charles Chavis	X	Marshall Stevenson	X
Nick Creary	X		
Roger Davidson	ABSENT	Zenita Hurley	X
Maya Davis	X	Kristin McFarlane	X
Omar Eaton-Martinez	X	Will Schwarz	X
David Fakunle	LATE	Sonya Osei	X
Chris Haley	X		

X = Present

Members of the public present: Barbara Drazin, Anna Rubin, Emily Oland Squires, Kayiraba Toure, Michael Hunt, Stan Brown, Jr.,

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Commissioner Chavis at 11: 40 a.m. Ms. Osei called the roll of Commissioners and Staff.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from meeting of June 14, 2021 were approved unanimously with no revisions.

Public Comments

n/a

Grant Performance Report:

- All subcommittee chairs should have received information shared by MD LTRC legal counsel. Next report due with the next week.
- All subcommittee chairs should submit to Ms. Hurley what work has been done under the DOJ grant to be included in report.

Sub-committee Reports

Logistics - Commissioner Maya Davis

- The last subcommittee meeting was held 6-16-2021. This meeting focused on the DOJ grant, coalition partnerships, and upcoming hearings. The subcommittee reviewed and updated draft schedule and dates. There was a discussion on the Research Coordinator position. This position will be posted on the Office of Attorney General office.
- The subcommittee is focusing on finalizing a communications plan for hearings and securing venue in partnerships with local coalitions. Space is needed to accommodate Reconciliation hearings.
- The subcommittee would like to host meetings with local coalitions with the public hearing dates coming up. It is suggested to have a meeting with local coalitions to discuss locations, partnerships, and the flow of how each will be represented.
- A goal is to make sure there are contracts and resources for Reconciliation hearings. For example, a Sign language interpreter, Social worker, and others to be onsite for each meeting.
- The next meeting on July 19, 2021.

Research - Commissioner David Armenti

- The subcommittee would like to ensure MD LTRC has oral history initiatives and partnerships with coalitions in preparation for each county Reconciliation hearing.
- A major priority for the subcommittee is to continue to confirm primary sources and baseline data for hearings coming up especially October-December 2021 dates.
- The subcommittee is working to communicate and build with local coalitions. For example, Allegany County has several local coalitions/organizations with previously conducted research and additional information. While working with local coalitions, MD LTRC would like to review and consolidate information to create a solid research log.
- **Update:** Please make sure all commissioners are reaching out to your assigned coalitions to build partnerships and make connections.

Reconciliation and Justice- Commissioner Chavis

- Co-Chair Chavis- Had a meeting with White House staff to discuss origin and charges of the commission. This meeting also discussed the MD LTRC status and progression of planning Reconciliation hearings. How is the hearing planning coming?
- Ultimately the White House would like to be able to support in many ways and would like additional information and ways to support. Chair Fakunle, Co-chair Chavis, and Mr. Stan Brown are helping to support this initiative.

New Business

- Additions to Framework of MD LTRC discussion- Please see updated document.

Announcements

- 7/13/2021- Towson Baltimore County Coalition will host Remembrance for Howard Cooper who was lynching 7/13/1885.
- Any Commissioners with oral history interview experiences, please contact Co-Chair Chavis. The oral history information can be shared in order to help facilitate interviews. Microsoft Teams will be used for oral history interviews. If there are commissioners who did not receive an email, reach out for information.
- Anti-Racism Coalition. Foundations of Racism event will be held 7/28/2021 5:30-8:30pm Banneker Douglas Museum in Annapolis, MD.
<https://blackmuseums.org/2021-conference-registration/>

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 p.m.