

Logistics Committee
Notes
08-19-2020

Call to Order: 10:09 AM

Commissioners Present: Maya Davis, DeNeen Brown, Gary Norman
Attendees: Will Schwarz, Timothy Baker, Chris Haley, Emily Oland Squires, Joyce Phelps

Agenda Items:

- New Committee Chair
- MLTRC Panel Logistics
- Interim Report
- Oral History Project

New Committee Chair

Commissioner Tim Baker has stepped down from his role on the MLTRC and has named State Archives staff member Maya Davis as the official designee for the agency to serve on the Commission. During this meeting Commissioner Davis raised the question whether the Committee wanted to have her serve in the role of Chair, which was previously held by Mr. Baker or to move forward with voting on a new Chair. The group decided that they would be fine with Commissioner Davis fulfilling this role.

MLTRC Panel Logistics

Staff member Chris Haley gave an update on the MLTRC panel and the participants, including Commissioner Carl Snowden as the moderator, and Commissioners DeNeen Brown, Charles Chavis, and Nicholas Creary as the panelists.

Interim Report

Commissioner Davis gave an overview of the body of the Interim Report and requested that Will Schwarz consider writing an overview of the EJI, Maryland Lynching Memorial Project, and the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission to which he agreed. It was also asked of Commissioner DeNeen Brown if she would consider writing a small portion on the role of the media on lynchings in Maryland. Commissioner Gary Norman offered to write a legal background to be included in the interim report.

Oral History Project

Tim Baker, gave an overview and update on the platforms TheirStory/Aviary which could be potentially used to conduct the oral history interviews for the MTLRC research. The TheirStory platform would offer online interview capability, while Aviary would offer transcription services. Members of the logistics, research, and reconciliation committees were able to attend a virtual

demonstration of the platforms and were pleased with the capabilities. Mr. Baker and committee members followed up with a meeting with Ms. Kristin McFarlane to go over the benefits of using this platform and what costs arrangements could be made.