

Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission
Logistics Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, May 20 2024 at 3:00pm
Location: Virtual Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81427867930>

Attendees: Lindsey Baker, Teisha Dupree-Wilson, Chris Haley, Elizabeth Hughes, Amy Millin, Trish Boyle (MD OAG), Hannah Lane (MSA staff)

Welcome and Approval of the April 22, 2024 Minutes
Updates

- Commission Liaisons
 - Commissioner Millin reported she communicated to Chair Fakunle and Vice Chair Chavis concerns regarding the lack of engagement by some commissioner liaisons, resulting in delayed scheduling and planning of some hearings.
- Outreach to Counties
 - Commissioner Millin suggested to Chair Fakunle communication take place with remaining counties to provide explanations of the timeline, invite participation, and share that MLTRC liaisons will initiate contact in coming weeks. Concern raised that all county stakeholders may not be known to the MLTRC, and may therefore be inadvertently left off the communication. Outreach efforts will be made.
 - The deadline for all hearings has been confirmed for December 2024 so that the report may be written in 2025. Grouping counties by region was discussed and tentatively identified:
 - Harford/Cecil
 - St. Mary's/Calvert/Charles (Charles has no known lynchings, but is participating as a partner in the work)
 - Montgomery
 - Kent/Caroline/Queen Anne's
 - Carroll/Howard
 - Prince George's
 - Discussion occurred whether counties may be grouped by region. *Note: after the meeting, Commissioner Millin affirmed that regional hearings are permitted per HB307 Section 1(f)(1), ByLaws Article II, Section 1, and ByLaws Article III, Section 1.*
 - Discussion: MLTRC shall ensure each case is presented to the fullest extent possible, especially in instances of regional hearings.
 - Discussion: December deadline is fast approaching and planning may feel rushed, explored flexibility with priorities, and discussed that extensions may slow progress.
 - Discussion: Timeframe for report writing and who will write the report. Suggestion made that the person(s) who write the report may provide a timing estimate. Question posed about whether defining the process of writing the report falls into the purview of the Logistics Committee.
 - Question raised on whether it is ethical for a member of the MLTRC to receive compensation to write the report.

Next meeting: June 17, 2024