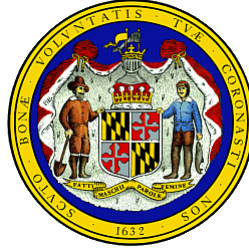


# Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission



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## Commission Meeting Minutes – August 2024

**Date:** Monday, August 12, 2024  
**Time:** 11:30am-1:30pm Eastern Time  
**Location:** Virtual

### Attendance

<b>Commissioners</b>	
David O. Fakunle	X
Charles L. Chavis	
David Armenti	X
Lindsey Baker	X
Iris Leigh Barnes	X
Simone Barrett-Williams	
Michelle Coles	X
Nicholas Creary	X
Roger Davidson	
Maya Davis	X
Teisha Dupree-Wilson	X
Christopher E. Haley	X
Elizabeth Hughes	
Amy Millin	X
Izetta Mobley	
Carl Snowden	X
Marshall Stevenson	
Stephanie Suerth	
<b>Staff</b>	
Sophie Asike	X
Trish Boyle	X
Zenita Hurley	
Kristin McFarlane	X

\* Please note that attendance was not formally taken in the recording and it was logged here based on who was acknowledged in the recording.

## **Members of the Public Present**

Unknown.

## **Call to Order**

Chair Fakunle called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Fakunle advised that the recordings are available on the Commission website.

## **Chair's Comments and Soul Check**

Chair Fakunle took the time to welcome everyone to the meeting. Commissioner Davis shared that she witnessed a fatal accident on Route 40.

## **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Research Committee Updates*

Commissioner Millin advised the group that there are five hearings set with two confirmed locations. Harford and Cecil Counties will be at the Ames United Methodist Church and Prince George's County will be at Bowie State University. Locations are being finalized for the remaining three. Trish scheduled a meeting with the Hatcher Group and emailed the Commissioners a summary of the status of the hearings and other updates. Commissioner Millin also advised that the research group has been sharing information with the local community stakeholders. Commissioner Armenti advised that the research committee met on July 22, 2024 and August 5, 2024. The committee has been working with The Heritage Associates to create victims' profiles ahead of the hearings as part of the Commission record and they are working on confirming potential descendants and keeping outreach attempts up to date. There are likely known descendants for at least three of the upcoming hearings.

### *Reconciliation and Justice Committee Updates*

Commissioner Creary updated the group stating that the committee has had two meetings since the last Commission meeting where they discussed the offer and budget for the writer of the final report. There was discussion about a potential venue for the February hearing with suggestions of UB Law, Goucher College or possibly an Annapolis or Baltimore venue such as St. John's College, Coppin State or Morgan State Universities.

### **County/Region Engagement Updates**

No additional updates were provided.

### **New Business**

Commissioner Davis shared that she spoke to a student at the University of Maryland College Park who had done research on lynchings in Ellicott City and mentioned there was a portal which the Commissioner was unfamiliar with. She asked the group if there may possibly be other resources and how can those resources be incorporated into the Commission's work. Chief Fakunle asked if anyone had any active connections to the University of Maryland College Park for outreach purposes. Commissioner Armenti suggested keeping a running list of external resources. Commissioner Haley mentioned he will reach out to a possible connection, Taylor Lewis, from the University of Maryland College Park who may have knowledge of significant resources at the university. Commissioner Baker suggested making outreach attempts to other universities on a broader scale to have them reach out to the Commission about any research they have done on this subject.

Commissioner Coles stated that the interns have agreed to stay throughout the Fall. She asked the group to encourage undergraduate students to apply to the internship announcement. Trish Boyle agreed that the interns shared valuable research in the last Reconciliation Committee Meeting and she thanked Commissioner Coles for her leadership.

### **Announcements**

Chair Fakunle invited everyone to the 29th Annual Fannie Lou Hamer Awards Reception at the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis, MD on Sunday, September 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM.

Commissioner Baker invited everyone to the Black Power & Palestine: Transnational Countries of Color Lecture at the Banneker-Douglass-Tubman Museum in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, September 14 at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Armenti invited everyone to the Association of African-American Museums' annual conference in Baltimore this week.

Commissioner Haley invited the group to the 34th Annual Kunta Kinte Heritage Festival in Annapolis, MD on Saturday, September 14, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

**Adjournment**

Chair Fakunle called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Creary seconded the motion. All being in favor the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.