

Maryland Lynching Truth & Reconciliation Commission
Meeting #30

Date: Monday, November 18, 2021

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Attendance:

David Armenti	X	Kirkland Hall	AB
Iris Barnes	X	Elizabeth Hughes	X
Simone Barrett	AB	Teisha Dupree Wilson	X
(DeNeen Brown)	(ret)	Gary Norman (new appointed)	
Izetta Mobley	X	Carl Snowden	AB
Charles Chavis	AB	Marshall Stevenson	X
Nick Creary	X		
Roger Davidson	X	Stephanie Thompson	AB
Maya Davis	X	Zenita Hurley	AB
Omar Eaton-Martinez	AB	Kristin McFarlane	X
David Fakunle	X	Will Schwarz	X
Chris Haley	X	(Sonya Osei)	X

* In the absence of Commissioner Dr. Klugh, Coppin State University represented at this meeting by Dr. Teisha Dupree-Wilson.

Members of the public present:

Jack Del Nunzio, Izetta Autumn Mobley, Elinor Thompson, Elaine Rice Bachmann, Jada Aristilde, Emily Oland Squire, Cheryl McLeod, Caitlin Tromiczak, Teresa Combs, Brett M. Tyler

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Fakunle at 11:36 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the meeting of October 18, 2021 were approved unanimously with no changes.

Public Comments: n/a

Committee Reports:

Research Committee- Commissioner David Armenti

- **Updates:** MD LTRC should ensure to have the most up to date compilation of conducted research. The research should focus on cases connected to overall Commission goals and most specifically, upcoming hearings.
- **Discussion:** Allegany County case study Williams Burns name corrected to Robert Hughes. This shows the importance of housing all case study information in one place. This will be an ongoing process to vet and confirm accuracy of research. This example displays how local coalitions and oral history groups are making great updates with found information.
- Upcoming hearings include: Calvert, St Mary’s, and Carroll County. Commissioner Armenti is working alongside other Commissioners and local coalition representatives with planning/execution of hearing.
- This subcommittee is working to compile a list of source material.
- Co-Chair Chavis will set up Google Form and outline what data is available and develop structure

for baseline data.

- The subcommittee is also focusing on refining process working through case by case that will be in upcoming hearings. Daily processes and occurrences for hearing procedures.

Logistics Committee- Commissioner Maya Davis

- The Logistics Committee has been meeting jointly with the Research Committee.
- The next meeting will be on Monday, November 15, 2021 to discuss revising public hearing schedule. Some coalitions are ready to conduct hearings and others need additional time.

Reconciliation Committee- Co-chair Charles Chavis

- Unable to attend meeting today

New Business:

- **New business** – Ms. Stephanie Thompson – New MD LTRC Project Manager and Chair Fakunle met with local coalition leaders during Memorial Lynching Project event Saturday.
- Several local coalitions requested additional time to prepare for Reconciliation hearings. The goal is to make sure each coalition is comfortable and prepared. The local coalitions are interested in utilizing MD LTRC resources, such as Genealogist support.
- The current Reconciliation hearing schedule advertised two hearings a month. MD LTRC has been extended until June 2024. This allows times to extend calendar and plan effectively for additional research. To allot for more preparation is in best interest of Commission and local coalitions
- MD LTRC wants to make sure there is a full Commission and assignments for regions throughout Maryland.
- MD LTRC Project Manager will provide checklists for coalitions to help prepare and build comfort in preparation. Lines of communications will be clearer with the goal. Ms. Thompson is working diligently to provide new protocols.
- New Collaborative- Heritage Associates will provide historical and Genealogical resources for MD LTRC.
- Heritage Associates are excited to work with Commission. They have already started working on background work. Commissioner Creary assisted with providing additional information.
- **Update:** Commissioner Teisha Dupree- expressed interest in the Research Committee

Announcements:

- 2022 Hearing Schedules: Date and location TBA. Next confirmed is St Mary's and Calvert County Saturday, February 5, 2022. (**Avoid adding additional February hearing dates due to Black History Month**)
- <https://pgclmp.org/event-historical-perspectives-about-combating-lynching-in-america/>

Meeting Adjourned at 12:06pm