

PUBLIC MEETING
Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission (LTRC)

Thursday, September 26, 2019

Maryland State Archives – (Woodlawn)
2255 Rolling Run Dr.
Windsor Mill, MD
Meeting Minutes

Commissioners present:

Tim Baker, Iris Barnes, Simone Barrett, Nick Creary (by phone), David Fakunle (Acting Chair), Elizabeth Hughes, Elgin Klugh, Gary Norman, Carl Snowden, Marshall Stevenson, Tamara Wilson

Commissioners absent:

David Armenti, Jackie Copeland, Roger Davidson

Support staff present:

Kristin McFarlane, Will Schwarz

1. Call to order

Acting Chair Fakunle called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

2. Approval of minutes of September 12, 2019 meeting

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (September 12, 2019). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

3. Assignment of sub-committee chairs

Acting Chair Fakunle asked for volunteers to chair the three sub-committees previously created. The following Commissioners volunteered:

Public Hearing: Gary Norman

Research: Elgin Klugh

Reconciliation: David Fakunle

The appointment of the sub-committee chairs was unanimously approved.

4. Date/place/time of next meeting(s)

A discussion on the frequency of future meetings, their dates and locations ensued. Commissioner Barrett indicated she would identify a location at Morgan State University where meetings can be held. Commissioner Baker offered the use of the Archives locations in both Woodlawn and Annapolis.

The following dates and locations were agreed upon:

- October 14, 2019 @11:00 a.m., Archives in Woodlawn

- October 28, 2019 @11:00 a.m., Morgan State University (TBA)
- November 16, 2019 @2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Morgan State University (in connection with MD Lynching Memorial Project conference on lynching in Maryland)
- December 9, 2019 @11:00 a.m., Archives in Woodlawn

5. New business

- a) Bylaws: A scheduled discussion on proposed bylaws was postponed until the next meeting.
- b) Sub-Committees and Open Meetings Act: Since it is expected that public commissioners will be attending the next meeting, it was suggested that time should be reserved for the sub-committees to meet and begin their work. A question was raised as to whether sub-committee meetings are subject to the Open Meeting Act. Ms. McFarlane said she would research and report back to the Commission.
- c) Reimbursements: Questions regarding reimbursement for travel expenses were raised. Ms. McFarlane said she would research the issue and report back.
- d) Open Society Institute: Mr. Schwarz reported on his recent meeting with people at the Open Society Institute about its offer to brief the Commission on restorative practices, particularly as they relate to the concept of restorative justice. The commissioners indicated an interest in receiving a presentation from OSI and Mr. Schwarz indicated he would pursue the matter with OSI.
- e) Global Transitional Justice Initiative: Acting Chair Fakunle reported that he had been corresponding with Dr. Ereshnee Naidu-Silverman, the senior director for the Global Transitional Justice Initiative at the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, based in New York City. Dr. Naidu-Silverman had indicated an interest in working with the Commission on matters of restorative justice. There was general agreement on the desirability of receiving such help and Commissioner Fakunle will follow up with Dr. Naidu-Silverman in this regard.

6. CLOSED MEETING

The Commission recessed to a closed meeting to discuss personnel matters, in accordance with section 3-305(1) the Maryland Open Meetings Act.

7. RETURN TO OPEN Meeting

At the conclusion of the closed meeting, the Commission returned to open session at which time Acting Chair Fakunle announced that the following applicants were nominated by the Commissioners present to be recommended to the Governor as Public Commissioners:

- DeNeen Brown
- Charles Chavis
- Omar Eaton-Martinez
- Kirkland Hall

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.