



Racial Equity Commission

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RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION

Meeting Agenda

DATE: Tuesday, September 1st, 2026
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Room
161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call – current membership is at seven. Four voting members for quorum.

Commissioners

Jackie Barber
Kesha Hamilton
David Hammontree
Shaquay Selby

Ex-Officio - Appointed

Freddie Dancy	Vice Mayor & Ward 2 Council Member
Daveda Quinn	NAACP Delegate
J. Willis	Chief Equity Officer

Ex-Officio - Statutory

Vacant
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Active committee Members (non-voting)

A. Yoshida

Staff

K. Dickenson

- III. Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Community Liaison Police Officer Report
- VI. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)

- VII. Approval of July 2026 Minutes
- VIII. Unfinished Business / Working Items
 - A. Next Steps on Audit Report
 - B. Facing Race Reminders
- IX. New Business
- X. City/Community Updates
 - A. City Council
 - B. MLK/CIA
 - C. JPS
 - D. NAACP
 - E. JHC
 - F. CPOC
 - G. Affordable Housing
 - H. Other Updates
- XI. Committee Reports – *Paused*
 - A. Board Development Committee (Barber, Hamilton, Dancy)
 - B. Grants/Education Committee (Barber, Hamilton, Willis)
 - C. Policy and Procedure Committee (Hammontree, Dancy, Hamilton, Willis)
 - D. Public Equity Committee (Hamilton, Quinn)
 - E. Nominations (Hamilton, Dancy, Hammontree)
- XII. Review of Action Items for next meeting
- XIII. Commissioner Comment
- XIV. Adjournment

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, at 6pm.

RACIAL EQUITY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, July 7th, 2026
TIME: 6:00pm
LOCATION: City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Room
161 W. Michigan Avenue, Jackson, MI 49201

AGENDA ITEMS:

- I. Call to Order, Chair: K. Hamilton
- II. Roll Call – current membership is at seven. Four voting members for quorum.

Commissioners

Jackie Barber - Present
Kesha Hamilton - Present
David Hammontree - Present
Shaquay Selby – Present (late)

Ex-Officio - Appointed

Freddie Dancy Vice Mayor & Ward 2 Council Member - Present
Daveda Quinn NAACP Delegate - Present
J. Willis Chief Equity Officer - Present

Ex-Officio - Statutory

Vacant
Vacant
Vacant

Active committee Members (non-voting)

A. Yoshida - Present

Staff

K. Dickenson - Present

- III. Reading of Land & Labor Acknowledgement – Kesha Hamilton
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda – motion by, David H. supported by, Jackie B. motion carried
- V. Community Liaison Police Officer Report – Lt. John Lilly
 - Violent crimes unit is up and running

- There was a double shooting on Chittock St
- No reported fights on the 4th of July fireworks, one subject with a warrant was taken into custody. 2 extra officers attended this event

VI. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit)

- Amy Rich, representing the HRC, Human Resource Commission
- Wanting to see if both commissions can collaborate together

VII. Approval of June 2026 Minutes -

VIII. Unfinished Business / Working Items

A. Next Steps on Audit Report

- John shared with the commissioners a draft copy of the Audit summary
- Commissioners will receive tonight, via email, a draft copy of the Audit (108 pages) for review
- Comments/Suggestions must be submitted by August 7th
- Daveda shared her concern regarding the lack ADA, Americans with Disabilities Act compliances from the City Hall

B. Board Development Trip Report Out

- National Civil Rights Conference in Detroit Mi, June 18-20th, attended by Shaquay, Kesha, & Daveda
- Attendance was low in comparison to other conferences we've attended, sessions offered excellent information

C. Juneteenth Participation Report Out

- DEI provided a tent for the 36 commissions/board, to provide information for the community
- Katima suggested that next year, we provide copies of the Audit report
- July 24-26th, Summerfest will be held at Exchange playground.
- John motioned that we approve \$50 to purchase water and ice for the event, Shaquay supported the motion, motion carried
- Car show held every 4 Friday in downtown Jackson. Do we want to participate and who can assist
- August 7 & 8th, is the Southside, Eastside, & Northside reunion held at MLK pavilion
- September 12th, Hispanic Heritage festival, David will attend, and Shaquay is tentative

D. Facing Race Reminders

- Kesha reminded all commissioners to fill in their information on the Excel document sent to us from Shaquay
- 5 commissioners will be attending the conference November 11-14th in Raleigh, North Carolina. Ai will let us know if she will attend

- Commissioners received a copy of the City's travel guidelines for review
- Katima will send additional information to those attending the conference
- Commissioners will have to pay out of pocket, receipts must be turned in for reimbursement based on the travel policy for Boards/Commissions
- It is best for record keeping and better discounts, if the city pays up front all travel expenses-we must have this approved due to policy
- John will advise if we can cover meal expenses on the City issued credit card

IX. New Business

X. City/Community Updates

A. City Council

- National Night Out, August 6th at Loomis Park, 4-6pm
- Hosted by the Police Department, providing free food and games
- This is a time for families to socialize and get to know our law enforcement
- July 21st next City Council meeting, top agenda item, Ordinance addressing the Homeless encampment on City and private property

B. MLK/CIA

- Purchased the AME church, this will be the location for an African American History Museum
- No official name for the museum yet
- 4 spots are left for \$30k towards a 100 Homes

C. JPS

- An 18-year-old recent graduate was voted in as a JPS board member

D. NAACP

- National meeting will be held in Chicago Illinois, July 18-22
- Several local Civil Rights cases will be addressed regarding student and employee treatment

E. JHC

- Next meeting will be held July 15th, 8:00 am at Reed Manor

F. CPOC

- Meeting will be held Thursday at Calvary United church, 925 Backus St. Ward 4

G. Affordable Housing

- MSHDA 2.0 Housing Plan, CAA sent out a survey to address the plan

H. Other Updates

- Ward 2 will meet on the July 28th, 6pm at the Boo Center
- John shared that if you or someone you know lost a home due to back taxes between 2013-2021, a class action lawsuit has been settled
- Deadline to file is July 16th
- This is for the State of Michigan

XI. Committee Reports – *Paused*

- A. Board Development Committee (Barber, Hamilton, Dancy)
- B. Grants/Education Committee (Barber, Hamilton, Willis)
- C. Policy and Procedure Committee (Hammontree, Dancy, Hamilton, Willis, *Hathaway*)
- D. Public Equity Committee (Hamilton, Quinn)
- E. Nominations (Hamilton, Dancy, Hammontree)

XII. Review of Action Items for next meeting

- John will send a link with the draft Audit report
- Commissioners send your comments to Katima by the 7th
- John will reach out to CNA to see if they are available by phone August 11th
- Our next meeting is on the 11th not the 4th (election)

XIII. Commissioner Comment

XIV. Adjournment - 7:50 pm

Next Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, at 6pm.