

MEETING MINUTES
Senate Bill 350/Chapter 417, Acts of 2018
Morgan State University -- Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Morgan State University
Martin D. Jenkins Hall, Behavioral & Social Sciences Center Building, Room 100
1600 Havenwood Road, Baltimore, MD 21251

PRESENT: Task Force Members: Imam Earl Al-Amin, Ms. A. Adar Ayira, Rabbi Daniel Burg, Dr. Raimee Eck, Rev. Flo Ledyard, Dr. Jane Lincove, Rev. Kobi Little, Senator Shirley Nathan-Pulliam, Det. Miguel Rodriguez, Dr. Brian Smedley

Subcommittee Members & Observers: Ms. Kelly E. Crawford, Ms. Natalie Mack, Mr. Darnell Ingram, D. Bey, Mr. Cedric McCrary

IUR Staff: Dr. Tracy R. Rone, Dr. Raymond Winbush

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Noel Braithwaite, Dr. John Hudgins, Ms. Annette March-Grier, Dr. Joanne Martin, Delegate Edith Patterson

1. GREETINGS

The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. and guests were welcomed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was passed unanimously for minutes to be passed with any typos corrected.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rabbi Burg shared an “expert example”—a video clip of Trevor Noah, “Reparations and White Privilege – Between the Scenes.” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RjTu1NmQLP8>). Task Force members discussed the clip’s relevance to the work of the Task Force and the need for the work to be clear, forceful and truthful.

4. SUBCOMMITTEE WORK

Subcommittees met from 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

5. REPORT OF SUBCOMMITTEES

Public Health – Will look existing state resources.

Faith Communities – Narrowing focus on issues.

Economic Justice – Has made a request to the IUR to gather existing data.

Education – Will work on identifying most relevant data and sources.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Two motions were introduced about future meetings: 1) speakers for May 8, 2019 meeting and 2) the summer meeting schedule for the months of July August.

Motion 1: Motion to have a representative from the Kirwan Commission or Maryland Department of Education testify at the May 8, 2019 meeting.

Resolved: Motion passed

Dr. Lincove offered to help Rev. Little contact potential representatives.

There was discussion about the availability of Task Force members during the summer months. Many members reported that they will be traveling during the month of July.

Motion 2: Motion to meet at the regularly scheduled time, the second Wednesday of the month in June and August and to take July off.

Resolved: Motion passed

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Nathan-Pulliam announced that legislation passed which extends the time for the Task Force until January 30, 2021. She also was able to secure a commitment from the state for \$25,000, which will fund the expenses required for community discussions to be convened across the state. She also announced the passage of three bills: a) a bill expanding the treatment funds for patients for Hepatitis C, thereby joining 39 other states that provide full coverage; b) a cybersecurity bill, and c) a lynching and reconciliation bill. She also announced that the Baltimore Racial Justice group meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.