

Town of Farmington, CT
Racial Equality Taskforce
Online Webinar
March 15, 2021
6:30 P.M.

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- A. Call to Order.
 - B. Public Comment.
 - C. Reading of the Minutes.
 - 1) To approve the attached March 1, 2021 minutes. (Attachment A)
 - D. Presentation from the State Legislators.
 - E. Update from the Community Outreach Working Group.
 - F. Other Updates.
 - G. Public Comment.
 - H. Adjournment.
- cc: Committee Members
Paula Ray, Town Clerk

Minutes
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Attendees

Joseph Capodiferro
Edward Giannaros
Chris Cloud
Sarah Smith
Yahmina Penn
Nieka Thompson
Jeremy McLaurin
Jessica Harrison
Tanner Muszynski

Staff

Nancy Parent
Kory Vincent
Anna Savastano

A. Call to Order.

Chris Cloud called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

B. Public Comment.

None.

C. Reading of the Minutes.

1) **To approve the attached February 15, 2021 minutes.**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Cloud/McLaurin) the minutes were unanimously approved.

D. Introduction to Lisette Cobb, the Farmington Schools Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

Lisette Cobb, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator for the Farmington Public Schools, introduced herself to the group. She told the group that she began her position in November of 2020. Since she began, she has spent her time listening and learning from the community. She's doing district wide training and organizing focus groups. She has a background in Mental Health and formally worked for the Hartford Public Schools. Chris Cloud asked Lisette how the taskforce can collaboratively with her. The entire group had a discussion on ways to collaborate.

E. To Review the Priority 1 Action Items.

The group continued to review their priorities and continued assigning working groups to them. The next subcommittees to be formed are a Website Subcommittee, a Town Services Subcommittee, A subcommittee to hire an Equity & Inclusion Consultant, and a Police Subcommittee.

F. Update from the Community Outreach Working Group.

The group reported that they had a very successful first webinar, with roughly 120 attendees. They plan to have their next webinar on March 31st at 6:30 p.m. and focus on health inequities. Mercy Adekola will return as the host of the meeting. The Taskforce

members shared ideas with the sub-committee on potential speakers at this event.

G. Public Comment.

- Jay Tulin, Farmington
Mr. Tulin shared that the Human Relations Commission is excited to join the Taskforce for the March 15th meeting with the State Legislators. He shared some of the ideas that other Human Relations commissions in the state are doing.
- C.J. Thomas, Town Council Chair
Mr. Thomas wanted to make the committee aware of the all the open Boards and Commissions positions. He listed out the open positions and encouraged the group to consider joining or referring anyone else who might be interested.

H. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anna Savastano
Management Analyst
Clerk