

**Racial Equity Advisory Panel (REAP)
Via Microsoft Teams
Amended Minutes of Emergency Meeting
July 17, 2020**

PRESENT: Panel members: Stephanie Seguino, Karen Richards (minutes); Clarence Davis, Chair, Andrea Brett. Guests: Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity; Catherine Russell, Panel Assistant.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Brett at 2:37 p.m.

The Panel agreed to change the order of the agenda to add a discussion item concerning the Panel's readiness for the Virtual Town Hall (the forum) scheduled for July 22, 2020, which was also the reason for emergency meeting. All members agreed to the proposed agenda change.

The chair indicated that she had proposed cancelling the forum due to a perception that we were not ready to proceed. Richards also expressed concern that all of the necessary pieces for successfully conducting the forum were not in place.

Seguino suggested that the REAP should be clear as to its role vis a vis the recently created Racial Equity Task Force and that perhaps the two groups should cooperate in sponsoring the public forum. Ms. Davis explained that the Task Force sunsets in May of 2021 so probably not necessary to make this effort. As an alternative, she suggested that the panel coordinate its efforts with the Symposium on Racial Equity, which is having its next meeting on July 27, 2020. The agenda will include a discussion about overlap and gaps in work statewide. Chair Brett expects to attend on behalf of the REAP.

After further exploration of the overall readiness for the forum and lack of sufficient notice to people most affected, the panel members unanimously agreed to postpone the event on July 22, 2020. The time slot reserved will be converted to a regular panel meeting and the agenda(s) will be amended on the public website to reflect the changes.

Next Meeting:

**July 22, 2020 from 6-8 p.m.
Information will be displayed on the REAP website re: call-in for public access.**

Whereby the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Richards

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