



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2022

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 5:10 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom (Chair)
Lerato Chondoma (Vice-Chair)
Gurleen Cheema
Danielle George
Alexandra Gunn
Naomi Hudson
Austin Uzama
Dinushi Wickrama Arachchi
Kamika Williams

ABSENT: Stephanie Ameyaw (Leave of Absence)
Ritu Gill (Leave of Absence)
Juggy Sihota (Leave of Absence)
Isaac Tomas (Leave of Absence)
Mohammed Zaqout (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Allan Wong, Vancouver School Board Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Brian Fukushima, Committee Clerk

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Alexandra Gunn
SECONDED by Gurleen Cheema

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Stephanie Ameyaw, Ritu Gill, Juggy Sihota, Isaac Tomas, and Mohammed Zaqout.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Alexandra Gunn

SECONDED by Naomi Hudson

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 10, 2022, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Councillor Swanson's Motion to Council Regarding Muslim Celebrations and Observations.

MOVED by Danielle George

SECONDED by Austin Uzama

THAT The Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee support Councillor Swanson's motion to Council regarding Muslim Celebrations and Observations.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Liaison Updates

Trustee Wong provided an update on engagement taking place on the Vancouver School Board's Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination report, which will be operationalized in September.

3. Black Studies Curriculum Development

Austin Uzama presented a curriculum proposal for Black Studies 11 & 12 courses.

Trustee Wong noted that while school curriculum is under Provincial jurisdiction, individual school districts may develop locally developed courses to be offered as electives.

After discussion, Trustee Wong offered to bring the proposal to senior staff and itemize the formal process.

4. Vancouver Plan Draft follow up

The Committee discussed the Vancouver Plan and noted the Plan does not consider the impact of childcare and racialized specific housing.

5. VBL Motion Update

The Committee discussed the letter sent to Mayor and Council regarding the Vancouver Black Library.

6. New Business

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Austin Uzama
SECONDED by Kamika Williams

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 14, 2022
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, City Hall / WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:31 pm.

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