



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 30, 2025

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 5:34 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom, Chair
Harjot Banwait
Victoria Barclay
Alemu Nenko
Naina Varshney, Vice-Chair
Jeremiah Rojas
Lydia Tang
Pavandeep Toor

ABSENT: Ajay Puri (Medical Leave)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Councillor Lenny Zhou, Council Liaison
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Social Policy and
Projects; Staff Liaison
Young Joe, Alternate member
Sophia Li, Alternate member

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Olivia Kam, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Steph Kallstrom
SECONDED by Jeremiah Rojas

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Victoria Barclay, for meetings on June 26, 2025, and September 25, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Jeremiah Rojas
SECONDED by Naina Varshney

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 21, 2024, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. New Member Introductions

The new alternate members in attendance provided introductions.

2. Chair/Vice Chair Appointment

MOVED by Jeremiah Rojas
SECONDED by Lydia Tang

THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee appoint Steph Kallstrom as Chair for the duration of the term ending December 31, 2025;

FURTHER THAT the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee appoint Naina Varshney as Vice-Chair for the duration of the term ending December 31, 2025.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Liaison Updates

None.

4. Subcommittee Updates

None.

5. New Business

The Committee discussed a draft motion entitled "Request for Review of School Liaison Program" and agreed to bring forward at a future meeting.

The Committee also discussed supportive housing projects.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Lydia Tang
SECONDED by Naina Varshney

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 13, 2025
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:44 pm.

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