



RACIAL AND ETHNO-CULTURAL EQUITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 21, 2026

A meeting of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee was scheduled on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:30 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Steph Kallstrom, Chair
Harjot Banwait
Sophia Li
Lydia Tang

ABSENT: Victoria Barclay
Alexandra Gunn
Young Joe
Alemu Nenko
Jeremiah Rojas
Pavandeep Toor
Naina Varshney

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Social Policy and
Projects; Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Stefanie Panesar, Meeting Coordinator

Absence of Quorum

Section 5.3 of the Procedure By-law states the following:

If, within 30 minutes after a meeting is to start, no quorum is present, the City Clerk must read the roll, record the result in the minutes, and declare the meeting cancelled.

At 6:00 pm, the City Clerk read the roll, recorded the results and declared the meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

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Note: Advance Leave of Absence requests were received from the following members, but due to the meeting not achieving quorum, were not approved:

- *Victoria Barclay*
- *Young Joe*
- *Jeremiah Rojas*
- *Pavandeep Toor*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 23, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor,
City Hall
/ Teams Meeting

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