



Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2026

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: NorthPoint Conference Center

Council members present: Hol Flor (virtual), Ibrahim Owolabi (virtual), Lindsay Pluger, Erikka Ryan, Anita Urvina Davis, Shanessa (Saint) Saice, Jacqueline (Jackie) Lee, Cresston Gackle, Calandra Revering, Farhio Khalif

Count Staff: Letty Rogers, Sheng Khang, Vernona Boswell, County Administrator Jody Wentland

Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

- Erikka passed role of Chair to Saint. Thank you Erikka! Welcome Saint :)

Guest speaker, Hennepin County Administrator Jody Wentland

- As Administrator, works closely with all 7 commissioners. Manages the operational work of the county and leads the policy of the commissioners. Many departments will report to her and deputy administrators; roughly 9,000 employees of the county.

Committee Share Outs

Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Will reschedule to have folks bring focus and intention of what they want to work on

Immigration

- Meeting is scheduled for next week.

Housing and Reparative Committee

- Work in progress. Reparative Task Force charter being reviewed by Hennepin County staff.

Juvenile Justice Committee

- Request in progress for an information request for The Link
- Requests also in the works to connect with a judge to talk about what they are seeing and understanding from their perspective

Final Report

- Stories, topics, positions you've talked about with guest speakers may be brought to the group and committees, written down and shared.
- If you are relying on a speaker and they are unable to come prior to the deadline, be prepared to pivot in case you need to adjust your information

- Be mindful if you need an information request versus speaker request because information can be quicker! Letty, Vernona, and Sheng can help if we run into issues finding information on the county website
- If you have a suggestion for another committee, you may reach out to the committee chair.
- Do your research now! Be mindful of timelines and capacity so you can ensure that you have what you need and are prepared for the next meeting.
- Do your outline at your committee meeting
 - Don't forget, this isn't just a data dump; they have the data but talk about the "why" and what do we do with this information to move our recommendations
- July 15th - Outlines due
 - Having your top 5 bullet points of recommendations
 - It's an outline so it can be broad! 2-3 sentences per recommendation so it can be generalized and you'll make it more detailed later
 - This will be due before the next council meeting July 16th
 - We need to agree as a council
- Chairs will submit to Saint, Erikka, and Lindsay we can preview before the meeting
- August 15th - 1st Draft is due
 - Have this to be more detailed and prepared to set yourself up for success for future months
- September 9th - 1st Draft with any edits by committee will be submitted to the Staff to make notes, edits suggestions etc.
- September 15th Leadership will receive the edits/comments from the Staff and they will send that back to committees
- October 10th – Final! By this date it will be in the hands of the communications team so they will be getting this ready to be finalized and presented