



## Reparations Taskforce Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023 - 6 pm

Zoom Link:

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## POST AGENDA MINUTES – RATIFIED

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**\*\*A QUORUM WAS PRESENT\*\***

**Members Present:** Karcheik Sims-Alvarado, Marcus Coleman, Tamika Jackson, Rodney Littles, Elon Osby, Michael Simanga

**Staff Present:** Fran Calhoun, Jasmine Campbell and Olivia Reneau

### Meeting Opening:


- Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm.
- Amanda Meng & Mike Russell's absences are excused
- The committee is still awaiting the name of the new appointment from District 4.
- Review and adoption of May 4, 2023 meeting agenda. Motion by Littles; Seconded by Coleman. Motion passed.
- Review and approval of February 2023, March 2023, April 6, 2023 & April 20, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Osby; Seconded by Simanga. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

- Ms. Calhoun announced that Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs sent a letter to the Georgia Gang to address the incorrect comment made on their April 16<sup>th</sup> show.
- A discussion was held regarding the Atlanta University Center Consortium serving as the fiscal agent for the Task Force budget. The County Manager and Executive Team agree

with the Task Force's recommendation however, there is also interest in allowing the County to manage the Task Force budget. Ms. Calhoun will provide additional information on this topic as it becomes available.

### **New Business:**

- Chairwoman Sims-Alvarado has enlisted the support of Dr. Simanga and Ms. Meng to assist in crafting the scope of the empirical based study. She is asking for the assistance of all Task Force members. A draft of the scope will be available at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting.
  - Dr. Simanga suggested the Task Force develop a policy on how members respond to requests from the media.
  - The topic of eligibility was discussed.
    - Mr. Coleman stressed the importance of lineage (decedents of those who were enslaved in the United States) and including language mentioning the Transatlantic Slave Trade.
    - Mr. Littles stated it's important to be targeted in the approach for the study to withstand the upcoming scrutiny that it will receive.
  - It was suggested the Task Force meet once a month in person. Ms. Calhoun will take the Task Force's requests to External Affairs leadership.
  - Task Force addressed public comments.
    - The chat is attached below
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- Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.