



**MINUTES - RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (RESJAC) MEETING  
Wednesday, July 16, 2025, 6:30 PM**

**ATTENDEES:**

Checked boxes indicate present. Unchecked boxes indicate absence.

***Community Members:***

☒ Dr. Pat Grant (Chair), ☒ Sonia Canzater, ☒ Dr. Isaac Cudjoe, ☒ Joseph Hurst, ☒ Dr. Tasnuva Khan, ☒ Shane Lloyd, ☒ Akufuna Ngonda, ☒ Judith Thomas, and ☒ Gustavo Torres.

***County Staff Members:***

☒ James Stowe (Vice Chair), ☒ Selena Mendy Singleton (Parliamentarian), ☐ Dr. Anthony R. Alston, ☒ Ilana Branda, ☒ Lieutenant Oneil Ormsby, ☒ Dourakine Rosarion,

***Guests:***

Bridget Brouline, Khalid Afzal, Chris Peifer, Derek Turner, and Tara Clements-Johnson

**Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff:**

☒ Tiffany Ward (Chief Equity Officer) and ☒ Harrieta Shangarai

**CALL TO ORDER**

- A quorum was established at 6:33 pm, and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Dr. Pat Grant (Chair)

**AGENDA**

- Motion was cast by Ilana Branda and seconded by Sonia Canzater and Gustavo Torres. The agenda was approved as distributed.

**MINUTES**

- The June minutes shall be presented at a future date.

**PRESENTATION**

- A presentation on Community Engagement was provided by Montgomery County Planning Board.
  - Presenters: Bridget Brouline, Khalid Afzal, Chris Peifer, and Derek Turner.
  - The slide deck of the presentation is provided as part of the minutes.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Item 1: RESJAC Town Hall**  
Joseph Hurst and Sonia Canzater gave an update regarding the RESJAC Town Hall (Date/Time: TBD).
- Planned topics to be covered are:
  - Public Safety / Security / Immigration
  - Economic Impact of Federal Changes in Montgomery County
  - Education
  - Budget Discussions
- **Responses** to RESJAC Town Hall presenter invitations are anticipated in the coming weeks.
- **Item 2: Emory Grove Taskforce**  
Shane Lloyd, the RESJAC Liaison on the Emory Grove Taskforce, provided the following updates from the initial meeting of the taskforce:
  - A preliminary report will be submitted by December 2025.
  - A final report will be submitted by December 2026.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Item 1: Presentation by Tara Clements-Johnson (Legislative Analyst, Montgomery County Council.**
  - Overview of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (Federal HR1).
  - A slide deck of a presentation is included as part of the minutes.

Additional information was provided by Sonia Canzater regarding the bill's impact on historically marginalized populations.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- RESJAC will recess during the month of August.
- The next meeting will take place on September 17, 2025.

## **ADJOURN**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm by Dr. Grant, Chair.