



**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2025, 6:30 PM**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**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, ☒ Gustavo Torres

***County Staff Members:***

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

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

☒ Tiffany Ward (Chief Equity Officer)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 by Dr. Pat Grant (Chair)

**AGENDA**

- No objections. The agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES**

- The November 20, 2024, minutes were approved.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (NEW RESJAC MEMBER)**

- Dourakine Rosarion was introduced as a new RESJAC member. She has taken the Department of Health and Human Services seat on RESJAC that was vacated by Betty Lam, who has retired.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Item 1:**

Dr. Tasnuva Khan provided an update on the status of the evictions at the Enclave apartment complex in Silver Spring. The rent for a few families was paid down. However, other families are still facing eviction, especially those families with rent that is three times their income, which makes it difficult for them to stay. A few families also had to relocate outside of Montgomery County. The Department of Health and Human Services and the State are still working with the families that remain in Montgomery County.

**Item 2:**

- Sonia Canzater stated that the final version of the Palm Card was sent to the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice so that copies can be made available to RESJAC members. Printing status is pending.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 3:**

- Dr. Grant discussed a recommendation “to establish an Election Subcommittee for the purpose of identifying a slate of RESJAC officers”. She shared that the “lead of this subcommittee would also be tasked with running the voting process during the elections, which are held in November of each year”. Shane Lloyd made a motion, which was seconded by Sonia Canzater, to establish an Election Subcommittee with the responsibilities as stated in the recommendation. The motion was carried.
- Dr. Grant discussed a recommendation “to provide written motions, which would assist with capturing accurate motions for the chair and members, as well as having a better understanding of what the members are being asked to vote on”. Gustavo Torres made a motion, which was seconded by Sonia Canzater, to provide written motions as stated in the recommendation. Ilana Branda requested a motion to amend, which stated “provide written motions to the Chair, which would assist with capturing accurate motions for the chair and members, as well as having a better understanding of what the members are being asked to vote on. The Chair would read the motion into the record prior to the vote”. The amendment was adopted, and the amended motion was carried.

**Item 4:**

- Dr. Grant discussed the Schedule of Meeting Notetakers, which had been distributed to RESJAC members prior to the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item 5:**

- It was acknowledged that Funa Ngonda submitted a proposed issue to consider a topic on anti-racist audits. The information on his proposed issue was sent with the meeting materials prior to the meeting. Funa’s proposed item was tabled since he could not attend the meeting to discuss his recommendation. RESJAC members brainstormed various ideas. One idea resulted from the concern about the executive orders that impact our immigrant communities and MCPS. As a result, a subcommittee was formed to

devise the next steps to present to RESJAC at the February meeting. Gustavo Torres agreed to lead the subcommittee. Selena Mendy Singleton, Shane Lloyd, and Dr. Tasnuva Khan agreed to serve on the subcommittee.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- There were no announcements or updates.

#### **ADJOURN**

- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 by Dr. Pat Grant.