

Montgomery County – Committee Against Hate/Violence

Meeting Minutes

Mission Statement: The Montgomery County Committee Against Hate/Violence works to eradicate acts of hate and intimidation through community education, advocacy, collaboration, and legislation.

Meeting Date and Time: WEDNESDAY, May 8, 2024; 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting. (In-person and virtual access)

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82447362082> Meeting ID: 824 4736 2082

Phone Number: 301-715-8592

1- List of attendees:

a. Voting members

i. In person

1. Pablo Blank, Chair
2. Sanjeet Sam Dey, Secretary
3. Lisa Taylor
4. Craig Simon
5. Richard Allen
6. Stephanie Troyer
7. Susan Stolov

ii. Virtual

1. Gabrielle Zwi, Vice Chair

b. Non-voting members

i. In person

1. Captain Satinsky, MCPD
2. Rachel Breslin, Human Rights Commission
3. Selena Singleton, County Council
4. Loretta Garcia
5. Anis Ahmed

ii. Virtual

1. Anthony Alston, MCPS
2. Wesley Darden, Office of County Council member Mink

c. Absent members:

i. Voting members

1. Femi Richards
2. Leah Michaels
3. Maria Herrera
4. Sheik Hassan
5. Tony Jia

ii. Nonvoting members

1. Kimberly Jones, Montgomery County

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- 2- Previous meeting minutes.
 - a. March and April agendas will be presented for approval on the June meeting.

- 3- Police Report
 - a. MCPS staff run Hate reports in different ways, making difficult to track issues.
 - b. MCPS counts with two different forms and procedures. There is not a universal knowledge on students, families, and MCPS staff on the forms and related procedures. MCPS is working on closing the knowledge gap. The forms are:
 - i. Bullying form
 - ii. Hate form
 - c. MCPS will count with a two-level training on hate/bias
 - i. Currently, mandatory compliance modules to be completed before class year start. If failure to completion, MCPS takes disciplinary action.
 - ii. During the summer, there will be additional modules on hate.
 - d. MCPD working with County Executive office in developing a system using the 311 line to receive and process hate incident claims.
 - e. Discussion on a particular anti-Jewish incident. The case did not proceed due to a decision by a Commissioner working for the District Court. There is not

Next actions:

- 1) Committee Chair will schedule a meeting with MCPS to evaluate current status of forms and procedures, and provide feedback.
- 2) Captain Satinsky and Kate Chance will present the “311 project” to the Committee members at a later time to receive feedback.
- 3) Committee Chair will explore and schedule training for all Committee members on how a hate claim navigates the judiciary system.
- 4) Captain Satsinsky will review the discussed anti-Jewish case status.

- 4- Friendship Picnic
 - a. Date is Sunday 9/15. Discussion about the Muslim holyday Milad un Nabid that is marked on the 15 or 16 in different calendars.
 - b. Discussion about the new procedure the County has to contract event vendors. The Committee should send a request to the County Office of Shared Services. That Office will work with Procurement to select the vendors.
 - c. Need to create a sub-committee to meet in between Committee meetings to provide rapid response to required decisions.
 - d. Discussion on VIP invitations to address the public on the main stage. Options were inviting all candidates running for office, or just current elected officials.
 - e. Need to decide
 - i. Food
 - ii. Entertainment

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- 1) A subcommittee was created with members
 - a. Sue
 - b. Sam
 - c. Stefanie
 - d. Lisa
 - e. Pablo
- 2) Committee Chair to send a memo to the Office of Shared Services with the following details:
 - a. Food
 - i. 450 meals of kosher food
 - ii. 450 meals of halal food
 - iii. 400 meals of Ethiopian food
 - iv. 400 meals of Latino food
 - v. 300 meals of vegan food
 - b. Entertainment
 - i. Child activities
 1. Face painting
 2. puppets
 - ii. Music
 1. Jazz
 2. Latin
 3. American Folk
 4. African Drums
 - iii. Zumba class