

## Reparation Task Force Meeting Chat Notes

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, May 3rd

**Time of Meeting:** 3:30pm to 5:05pm

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### Chat Notes

You 3:29 PM

Good Afternoon All, This meeting is being recorded.

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:30 PM

can you all hear??? I cant hear?

I don't hear anything I will log out and back in  
ok I can hear now...

Great to see you all!!!

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:32 PM

Good afternoon, is anyone else having tech issues? Please let us know

George Greenidge to Everyone 3:33 PM

Hi Everyone - Chip Greenidge here.

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:33 PM

Thanks

Lori Nelson

Brea Thomas to Everyone 3:33 PM

You would have to make them co-hosts

In order to have everyone muted

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:33 PM

@Maggie I think we can make them co-hosts

Brea Thomas to Everyone 3:34 PM

And then in the settings you disable Allow Participants to Unmute

You can capture it after the recording

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:35 PM

Should be able to based on recording

Brea Thomas to Everyone 3:35 PM

It will be in file

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:35 PM

and just FYI the public chat should be available after via ZOOM transcript for q&a on the record

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:38 PM

@Jamarhl— thank you

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:39 PM

also just to be clear I am attending this meeting as a citizen not as a BPDA employee. Full disclosure. No conflict of interests.

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:41 PM

@Saskia just checking

You're signed in 2xs

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 3:43 PM

I sent the link out to several folks so that they would be able to log in. Navigating technology is difficult for neurodivergent folks and our elders (inclusivity). They can change their names if they know how.

Carrie Mays to Everyone 3:45 PM

I have a question

Harison Clark to Everyone 3:46 PM

How many are on the Task Force?

You to Everyone 3:48 PM

You can find more information about the task force members here:

<https://www.boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/task-force-reparations>

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 3:48 PM

Is there enough taskforce members present for a quorum to vote on items? Does anyone know and able to share

Denilson fanfan to You (Direct Message) 3:48 PM

was i suppose to say I

You to Denilson fanfan (Direct Message) 3:49 PM

Yes, when there is a vote if you agree please say I and if you disagree please say no. Let me know if you need further clarification and it can be brought to the chair.

Denilson fanfan to You (Direct Message) 3:50 PM

okay thank you

Harison Clark to Everyone 3:50 PM

I see that there are 10 members in total and 6 are here present

Lori Nelson to Everyone 3:52 PM

Motion 1:

Motion by G. Greenidge to plan and host a public meeting on reparations introducing members of the task force, sharing the proposed timeline, and hearing from the community in general (comments, thoughts and suggestions, and initial feedback). Meeting to be held in June 2023 on and around Boston's Juneteenth Celebration with a suitable location in Nubian Square, Roxbury Public Library, Bolling Building, or Roxbury Community College.

George Greenidge to Everyone 3:52 PM

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Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:52 PM

@chip cut & paste it all in the chat... or give us a pdf

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 3:52 PM

Does the task force have a quorum to vote?

A public acknowledgment? For?

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:54 PM

the first questions from the community is not what the group has done but who are you and what is the connect to Reparations... some people like Feaster, L'Merchie and Dorothea have longer track records... the community wants to know the overall who what when & why

Maggie Kormann to Everyone 3:54 PM

Yes the task force has quorum to vote.

George Greenidge to Everyone 3:56 PM

Motion 2:

Motion by G. Greenidge to plan and host a public meeting on reparations to hear from representatives from other municipalities, government entities, other reparations task force members from other cities, and academics and reparations activists from other cities on their processes and action plans for "best practices". The meeting should be scheduled in July 2023 around the NAACP convention time at a suitable location which might include a location near

the Seaport (or Bolling Building/Library in Nubian Square.) The meeting could also be a ZOOM meeting as a suggestion as well.

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 3:57 PM

if in person it gets tough because it could be RCC/Reggie Lewis/Library/Bolling or it could be also Strand Theatre and Matt Library and also some of the churches could you open it up to not only cities who have dealt with reparations but some of the architects of the reparations mvmt for the initial intent as well as the potential practical application

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:00 PM

We should also include in these conversations local reparations advocates and scholars. There have been several reparations events these past 2 months from colleges within MA. We have leading scholars right here in this state that should not be overlooked

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:01 PM

the local scholars in my opinion just need to be vetted because in my experience there is a lot of re-inventing and deviation from the main script

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:03 PM

Jamahl, I've been doing that. Happy to connect and talk with you further so your in the loop and if interested creating space so you can talk to them as well

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:04 PM

@saskia Im pretty public... my personal number is 617-297-7721

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:06 PM

We need to focus on hearing from states that had slavery. Evanston wouldnt be a good model bc since they aren't in a slave state.

George Greenidge to Everyone 4:07 PM

Motion 3:

Motion by G. Greenidge to have Chairperson Feaster and another representative from the task force to finalize the initial budget for meetings, public hearings, and community inputs as well as compensation for task force members as special employees with Mayor Michelle Wu and her representatives.

Motion 4:

Motion by G. Greenidge to review the approved ordinance language by the Mayor and the Boston City Council and seek clarification on roles and responsibilities with task force members and city officials.

Motion 5:

Motion by G. Greenidge to have staff set up social media channels and/or marketing communications materials on the website, and additionally, set up media newspaper archives, and news interviews, for the general public to track the public discussion on reparations in Boston on the task force community engagement and media opportunities. In addition, set up marketing and communications materials on the Task Force with a QR code for more information.

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:10 PM

We will share a document that has all of the reparations taskforces from across the country at [www.repairamericacollective.org](http://www.repairamericacollective.org) within 24hrs

This way this knowledge will be available to the people

Kim Gonsalves to Everyone 4:08 PM

I can't stay?

Maggie Kormann 4:09 PM

You can stay to watch, Chairman Feaster is not taking comments from members of the public at this time as the task force discusses motions from TF member Greenidge.

Kim Gonsalves 4:10 PM

Thank you

George Greenidge to Everyone 4:10 PM

Motion 6:

Motion by G. Greenidge to have staff set up an information table with marketing and communications materials on the City reparations task force at Boston's Annual Juneteenth Celebration in June 2023 at Franklin Park. In addition, collect emails for an e-list for communication with residents.

Motion 7:

Motion by G. Greenidge to review the language in the proposed RFP for research partners and provide suggestions and next steps with the City of Boston cabinet and staff members.

Motion 8:

Motion by G. Greenidge for City of Boston staff to develop stationery and other collateral materials with the City of Boston branded materials and logo for the City of Boston Task Members. In addition, Reparations Task Member names should be listed as well on such stationery and other suggested materials. ( Please provide proof for the Task Force members' input and review. )

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:12 PM

How will your outreach be inclusive of displaced Bostonians that are Black Americans that are descendants of chattel slavery?

Harison Clark 4:13 PM

That was exactly my question as well what good is the outreach if youre reaching the wrong people

George Greenidge to Everyone 4:13 PM

Motion 9:

Motion by G. Greenidge to review "State of Massachusetts Open Meeting Law Guidelines" and for us as a Task Force to ask for guidance from the Attorney General's office in regard to our advisory and task force capacity to the Mayor of Boston. We argue that we are "exempt" from certain requirements as stated in their 2018 handbook. and not able to move forward with administrative and programming tasks with our suggested timeline by the Mayor of Boston.

Motion 10

Motion by G. Greenidge to the City of Boston staff for more detailed meeting notices for the City of Boston Reparations Task Force making sure that the general public is aware that a meeting is either for "administrative matters" or a "general public hearing" where input from the public will be encouraged. Moreover, we should review other Task Force's communication strategies in other cities for meeting notices.

Lori Nelson to Everyone 4:15 PM

We are recording and also notes as well



Maggie Kormann to Everyone 4:15 PM

The chat will be included in the Zoom recording

Tracy K Smith to Everyone 4:15 PM

(Just for the record, I see there are replies coming from my desktop, but I'm not actually sure how that is occurring. I'm listening but not replying. Sorry!)

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:16 PM

Today or sooner ALL questions shall be answered!  

George Greenidge to Everyone 4:21 PM

Motion 11:

Motion by G. Greenidge to encourage the City of Boston staff and the City of Boston Reparations Task Force members to provide more notice of at least 5 business days as a general practice for hearing/meeting notices for the Task Force. We understand that 48 hours is needed, however, we as a Task Force want to make sure the public is aware of our meetings with extra notice. We will consider this as an extended courtesy if possible.

Motion 12:

Motion by G. Greenidge to clarify that the Chair of the Task Force and/or Task Force designees will decide when Task Force meetings, committee meetings, and public hearings that require public notice. This motion does not pertain to City of Boston staff members and Task Force members in organizing and participating in 1) public awareness opportunities and 2) community events and 3) city-planned events for outreach on the Task Force activities.

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:26 PM

Formal vote should happen

Carrie Mays to Everyone 4:27 PM

Can someone share their screen as he's reading through?

Carrie Mays to Everyone 4:27 PM

For visual accessibility

Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:28 PM

The harm report MUST match the same methodology used by the California taskforce and the TWELVE harm areas that have been identified. This harm report can be viewed at [www.repairamericacollective.org](http://www.repairamericacollective.org)

George Greenidge to Everyone 4:28 PM

<https://www.boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/task-force-reparations>

Dorothea M Jones to Everyone 4:29 PM

I may have to leave however I will dial in....Just in case I cannot connect, I want work with those who are addressing the RFP and choose to be on the Community Engagement Committee

Lori Nelson to Everyone 4:30 PM

Need to convene

George Williams 4:31 PM



Dorothea M Jones to Everyone 4:32 PM

Sorry I have to leave. Look forward to the next meeting.

Na'tisha Mills to Everyone 4:37 PM

Without a clear scope, we can't effectively engage/ convene community to respond to  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:38 PM  
what I am most concerned about is the inclusion of the foundation/origin of Reparations from the  
Black Nationalist and Pan- Afrikan community  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:39 PM  
the voices of those who have been on this for decades has to be a leading voice  
George Greenidge to Everyone 4:41 PM  
I support two committees ——— Community Engagement & Consultants & RFP work  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:42 PM  
where do we submit proposals for the actual record?  
George Williams to Everyone 4:43 PM  
my apologies and i'll be extra sure that doesn't happen again. thank you denilson for letting me  
know  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:44 PM  
once again I would like to make myself available to all who want more information on  
Reparations in general  
Lori Nelson to Everyone 4:44 PM  
Noted. Thank you  
Na'tisha Mills to Everyone 4:46 PM  
17th  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:47 PM  
what if the meeting on the 17th takes initial community input??  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:47 PM  
2 days before Malcolm X day.  
Na'tisha Mills to Everyone 4:49 PM  
scope updates & feedback from counsel  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:50 PM  
when will the public get to tap in?  
Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:51 PM  
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Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:51 PM  
I will take David Harris' spot.  
Saskia VannJames to Everyone 4:52 PM  
where do we submit proposals for the actual record?  
Carrie Mays to Everyone 4:52 PM  
Who's hand is raised?  
Sih Samura to Everyone 4:55 PM  
Greetings and Blessings, I am concerned that this task force is an easy target for those with  
other agendas. Please be vigilant against specialized agendas. We have seen the reparations  
issue used by non-profits, interest groups and bad actors to actually hurt Black families and  
companies before. I applaud and support the efforts of this task force. Please be vigilant.  
Cheers  
Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 4:55 PM  
^^^

George Williams to Everyone 4:56 PM

Please feel welcomed to direct people to contact me: George.Williams2@boston.gov

Brea Thomas to Everyone 4:57 PM

There's a time and place for everything. Right now they have to establish processes

Ahrehon Thompson to Everyone 4:58 PM

are you hiring experts from the community?

Na'tisha Mills to Everyone 4:59 PM

17th^^

community

Carrie Mays to Everyone 5:01 PM

3:30 works good for me

George Williams to Everyone 5:02 PM

reparations@boston.gov

Carrie Mays to Everyone 5:02 PM

I literally just asked that

Jamarhl Crawford to Everyone 5:02 PM

That is a good guide of Slavery profits

I will ask her

Lori Nelson to Everyone 5:03 PM

@Jamarhl your attachment can't be opened??? Please resend

Thanks

Roeshana Moore-Evans to Everyone 5:04 PM

Thank you all for your leadership and I look forward to attending future sessions.

George Williams to Everyone 5:04 PM

Thank you Chairman Feaster and all RTF members

and Thank you to members of the community for investing in this group's work so early on

Tracy K Smith to Everyone 5:05 PM

Thanks so much!

Na'tisha Mills 5:05 PM

Thank you Chairman Feaster



## MINUTES