



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | November 21, 2025 | 5:30 – 7:15 pm

Historic Vernon A.M.E. Church | Faith Hall

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: TheRese Anderson Aduni, Phil Armstrong, Jacqueline Evans, Vanessa Hall-Harper, Mattece Mason, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday, Greg Taylor, Taylor West, Kristi Williams, Corinice Wilson, Damali Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Krystal Reyes

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Brentom Todd

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm.

II. Ancestral Acknowledgement

- a. Commissioner Aduni led the Ancestral Acknowledgement.

III. Regular Commission Business

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes

i. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the October meeting minutes.

1. Commissioner Damali Wilson made a motion, Commissioner Mason seconded.

a. Aye: 9, Nay: 0

i. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson, Councilor Hall-Harper, and Commissioner Mayes were not yet present in the meeting.

2. Motion carried, October meeting minutes approved.

- b. Vice Chair Wilson arrived at 5:50 pm.

- c. Nominating Committee: Appoint Chair and Elect Two Other Members

i. Chairwoman Williams appointed Commissioner West as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

ii. Commissioner Damali Wilson and Commissioner Mason volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

iii. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to elect Commissioner Damali Wilson and Commissioner Mason to the Nominating Committee.

1. Commissioner Taylor made a motion, Commissioner Evans seconded.

a. Aye: 10, Nay: 0

i. Councilor Hall-Harper and Commissioner Mayes were not yet present in the meeting.



2. Motion carried, Commissioner Damali Wilson and Commissioner Mason were elected to the Nominating Committee.
- d. Review and Vote: Resolution Supporting Creek Freedmen
 - i. Chairwoman Williams shared that Dion'trae Hayes called her and asked if she would be willing to meet with Amanda Swope (City of Tulsa Director of Tribal Policy and Partnerships) before issuing a resolution. Chairwoman Williams answered that she is open to having a conversation with Amanda but wanted to move forward with the resolution. Dion'trae and Chairwoman Williams had a great conversation.
 - ii. Lexi noted that the resolution is on the agenda to review and discuss today because the document had not been written at last month's meeting, so BAC needs to review and vote on the language.
 - iii. Lexi noted an edit: Correct name of commission to "Beyond Apology Commission" throughout document.
 - iv. Commissioner Armstrong suggested an edit on Page 2: "descendants of the formerly enslaved."
 - v. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the Beyond Apology Commission Resolution Supporting Creek Freedmen with two edits.
 1. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Commissioner Damali Wilson seconded.
 - a. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper and Commissioner Mayes were not yet present in the meeting.
 2. Motion carried, resolution approved with two edits.

IV. Public Community Engagement Meeting

- a. Other than discussion with the public, no action was taken.
- b. Councilor Hall-Harper arrived at 6:05 pm.
- c. Commissioner Mayes arrived at 6:09 pm.
- d. Chairwoman Williams talked about the community-led process that led to the publishing of the Beyond Apology Report and formation of the Beyond Apology Commission.
- e. Chairwoman Williams introduced each committee under the Beyond Apology and commissioners talked about the committee's goals.

V. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner West made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 1. Aye: 12
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.