



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | February 20, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: TheRese Anderson Aduni, Jacqueline Evans, Vanessa Hall-Harper, Mattece Mason, Krystal Reyes, Greg Taylor, Taylor West, Kristi Williams

Commissioners Present Virtually: Corinice Wilson, Damali Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Phil Armstrong, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Brentom Todd

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:07 pm.
- II. Ancestral Acknowledgement**
 - a. Commissioner Aduni led the Ancestral Acknowledgement.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the January meeting minutes.
 - i. Deputy Mayor Reyes made a motion, Vice Chair Mason seconded.
 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - a. Commissioner Corinice Wilson was not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, January meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams acknowledged guests at the meeting.
 - b. BAC has spent time building structure through committees, now moving from groundwork to action and implementation.
 - c. Day at the City planning is in the works. This will be a great time for commissioners to meet with elected officials and city staff. It's important to build relationships, identify budget opportunities, and create alignment across BAC and different departments.
 - d. Commissioner Corinice Wilson joined the meeting at 1:14 pm.
 - e. Chairwoman Williams will come to committee meetings in February and March.
 - f. Policy Committee will introduce a City ordinance establishing protocols for handling Black ancestral remains and artifacts.
 - i. Community members have witnessed disrespect during the handling of remains.



- ii. There is no law in country that protects Black remains and artifacts, so this is an opportunity to establish one on a local level and have an impact on a national and global scale.
 - iii. Councilor Hall-Harper noted this conversation is taking place in other communities.
- g. Vernon AME Church was granted \$1.5M for a museum project. It is very expensive and time-sensitive to preserve artifacts. Will host community listening sessions to inform future phases of the project. There will be opportunities for BAC support, especially through cultural identity committee
- h. Chairwoman Williams is in the early stages of planning a two-day reparations conference in Tulsa, in partnership with the Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce, FirstRepair, and COBRA.
 - i. Day 1 – Discussing national models & policy alignment.
 - ii. Day 2 – Local Tulsa implementation strategies.
 - iii. Will include elected officials and faith leaders. BAC can't do this work alone, need to work together on the city, state, and federal levels.
 - iv. Deputy Mayor Reyes offered support with bringing in national partners (hotel bookings, venues, etc).
 - v. Councilor Hall-Harper asked if BAC should set up a committee to lead planning. Chairwoman Williams opened the floor for volunteers for the committee and no volunteers came forward. This could be an opportunity for collaboration with the Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission (GTAAAAC).
- i. Chairwoman Williams asked commissioners to begin proposing programming and commemorative initiatives that correlate to direct action so BAC can intentionally show up for the upcoming Race Massacre Observance holiday.
- j. Chairwoman Williams and Vice Chair Mason will meet with Brentom soon for updates on Greenwood Trust.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Housing
 - i. Chairwoman Williams reported that housing has not had a committee meeting yet, as they are waiting to meet with Brentom first to ensure alignment with Greenwood Trust (GT) before moving forward.
 - ii. Commissioner Taylor asked Chairwoman Williams if she's met with Alaina yet, and she answered they have not met recently.
 - 1. Vice Chair Mason shared that the GT has been promoting without mentioning BAC. She's unsure if BAC needs to communicate differently or if BAC is being left out. Would like to have more clarity and know where the GT is in fundraising progress.
 - 2. Councilor Hall-Harper reminded everyone this entire process is a first and everyone is feeling their way through it. She's confident that once the foundation is set, collaboration will come. There is nothing like this in the nation and they are being very careful as they roll out to ensure things are done right.
- b. Education



- i. Commissioner Aduni distributed copies of the February committee notes. Welcomed Dr. Ramona Curtis to the table to report on committee February meeting.
- ii. The committee had a lengthy discussion about what they are charged with. Landed on developing comprehensive, equity-centered education recommendations to BAC. Want to focus on what is within the City's control.
- iii. Dr. Curtis will meet soon with Chairwoman Williams to ensure alignment.
- iv. Next meeting: March 4 at 5:30 pm.
- v. Commissioner Aduni expressed feeling overlooked and undervalued. She shared her perspective that the last committee meeting was hijacked after the election of officers. She referenced several resources and initiatives she feels passionate about moving forward, including north Tulsa education data and reading proficiency.
 - 1. Chairwoman Williams and Dr. Curtis affirmed their respect for Commissioner Aduni, and Chairwoman Williams reminded everyone of her previous praise of the Education Committee.
 - 2. Chairwoman Williams referenced committee structure document previously distributed to BAC.
 - 3. Vice Chair Mason reminded everyone that this work is new, and BAC is building committee culture as we go. We need to give each other grace.
 - 4. Commissioner Aduni said she'd like to see policy recommendations come from BAC.
 - 5. Chairwoman reiterated that BAC's focus is repair and reparations. There is opportunity for GTAAAAC Education Committee to collaborate with BAC on education initiatives that don't qualify as repair.
 - 6. Vice Chair Mason suggested narrowing down the committee's scope to a few specific priorities.
 - 7. Dr. Curtis shared the committee discussed what avenues in the City can be tapped into. Need to be very focused. Will be flexible based on BAC's direction.
- vi. Chairwoman Williams will attend the next committee meeting.
- vii. Commissioner Damali left the meeting at 1:40 pm.
- c. Community, Economic, and Land Development
 - i. Commissioner Taylor reported the committee will have a standing committee on the second Friday of each month moving forward.
 - ii. Three land categories were identified:
 - 1. Historically dispossessed land requiring reclamation strategies
 - 2. Privately owned development-ready land requiring technical and financial resource support
 - 3. Individual descendant homeowners needing assistance with legal, financial, and development services.



- iii. Deputy Mayor Reyes and Commissioner Corinice Wilson left the meeting at 2 pm. BAC was no longer at quorum. Vice Chair Mason left the meeting at 2:01 pm.
 - d. Health and Wellness – no report
 - e. Systems Change and Financial Compensation – no report
 - f. Cultural Identity – no report
 - g. Commissioner Aduni left the meeting at 2:05 pm.
- VI. **Old Business** – no old business
- VII. **New Business** – no new business
- VIII. **Announcements / Public Comments**
 - a. Greenwood Trust Black History Month virtual program on February 24.
 - b. Black History Saturdays 2026 Kickoff tomorrow.
 - c. Lexi shared about the Title V and Beyond Apology Commissions Retreat on July 24.
 - d. Greg Taylor starting woodworking program launching February 28 – DIY and Job Skills Woodworking Workshop at Edurec at 9am.
 - e. Public Comments
 - i. Ray'Chel Wilson, Vice Chair of GTAAAAC – Looking forward to collaboration.
 - ii. Jasmine Henry with Justice for Greenwood – Thank you for work BAC is doing.
 - iii. Brentom Todd, Deputy Chief of Staff in Mayor's Office
- IX. **Adjournment**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.