



Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting | March 10, 2026 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Patricia Carter-Breeckner, Dewayne Dickens, Brian Humphrey, Margaret Love, Jon Paul Ray, Maybelle Wallace, Tony Williams, Ray'Chel Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Marquess Dennis, Tracye Love Chandler, Larissa McNeil, Jameelah Stuckey, Mikeal Vaughn, Kristi Williams

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairman Humphrey called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. A quorum was not yet present.

II. Guest Speaker: Amber Guipttons, Office of Financial Empowerment and Community Wealth

- a. Amber Guipttons is the Director of the Office of Financial Empowerment and Community Wealth (OFE).
- b. Commissioner Tony Williams arrived at 6:04 pm. A quorum was now present.
- c. OFE focuses on city-led, community-driven initiatives that further financial empowerment, wealth building, access to banking, and legacy and asset protection.
- d. Programs: Financial Empowerment Center (FEC), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA), and Bank On
- e. Commissioner Carter-Breeckner arrived at 6:07 pm.
- f. FEC outcomes to date: 2,828
 - i. 376 clients increased their credit scores by 35+ points
 - ii. 263 clients increased emergency savings
 - iii. \$1,572,619 savings increased, \$3,715,296 non-mortgage debt reduced.
- g. FEC partnership with the Tulsa Municipal Court helps people break the judicial cycle of poverty. Clients can receive \$250 of fines/fees waives after completing 3 FEC sessions plus \$100 for each subsequent session. \$67,383 in fines forgiven thus far. This partnership has garnered national attention.
- h. Bank On: Partnership with 15 banks across Tulsa providing low-cost or no-cost accounts. Tulsa is ranked in the top 10 of cities for people who are under banked or unbanked.
- i. Legacy Planning at the FEC offers power of attorney, last will & testament, living will, and HIPPA services for free. 774 residents have utilized legacy planning services since launch in late 2025.
 - i. Tangled title assistance coming soon.
- j. Commission Discussion



- i. Commissioner Love asked about age requirement for FEC services. Amber shared there is no age limit, you only have to live, work, or play in Tulsa.
- ii. Chairman Humphrey asked about the FEC's location. Amber shared there are two locations and six co-locations. Can be done in-person, online, or via phone.
- iii. Vice Chair Wilson noted the data point of the FEC reaching 8,000+ residents. What accounts for the gap in residents reached vs those who have reached certain outcomes? Amber clarified that those reached is encompassing of everyone who has signed up for a session. Everyone has a different goal or entry point into the program (ie Municipal Court partnership). FEC doesn't prescribe someone's goals to them.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to approve February meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Ray made a motion, Commissioner Love seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, February meeting minutes approved.

IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Today is Chairman Humphrey and Vice Chair Wilson's first meeting in their new leadership roles.
- b. Chairman Humphrey noted all commissioners have copies of the Vision Tulsa 2026 report. Includes data showing that the African American community is declining in size. Is Tulsa attracting and retaining African Americans? Are Black Tulsans leaving? Why? This informed Chairman Humphrey's draft of GTAAAC's 2026 Strategic Focus.
- c. Chairman Humphrey referenced the drafted GTAAAC 2026 Strategic Focus Document (Appendix 1). Want to have a framework for GTAAAC to utilize.
- d. Vice Chair Wilson sees her role as asking questions. How can GTAAAC strategically advise the mayor? Her personal why is economic justice, want to see African Americans increase financial resilience. Referenced the Kelso-Adler Theory of Economic Justice.
 - i. Chairman Humphrey reminds commissioners to lean into the committee structure, take this information back to committee work.
 - ii. Vice Chair Wilson highlighted there is an upcoming election in Tulsa.

V. Review and Vote to Approve 2026 Strategic Focus Document

- a. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Commissioner Love reflected that much needs to be done to support African Americans, especially the aging population. People are being displaced from their homes. Also need to support schools. On a federal level, DHS budget decrease and losing insurance will affect everyone.
- b. Chairman Humphrey reiterated a focus on helping Black families stay and thrive in Tulsa.
- c. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to approve the 2026 Strategic Focus document.



i. Commissioner Love made a motion, Commissioner Dickens seconded.

1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0

ii. Motion carried, 2026 Strategic Focus document approved.

VI. Vote to Create Special Committee: Strategic Focus Committee

a. The Strategic Focus Committee will include a chair; GTAAAC Chair, Vice Chair, and Immediate Past Chair; and committee chairs.

b. Commissioner Ray asked a clarifying question about what the vote is about. Chairman Humphrey clarified that the vote is to create the Strategic Focus Committee.

c. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to form a special committee, the Strategic Focus Committee.

i. Commissioner Ray made a motion, Commissioner Carter-Breeckner seconded.

1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0

ii. Motion carried, 2026 Strategic Focus document approved.

d. Chairman Humphrey Appoints Special Committee Chair

i. Chairman Humphrey has talked with some commissioners who may be interested in chairing. If you are interested, let him know. Not in a position to appoint a chair today.

VII. Chairman Humphrey Appoints 2026 Committee Chairs

a. Chairman Humphrey appointed Commissioner Ray as chair of the Policy Recommendations Committee.

b. Chairman Humphrey appointed Commissioner McNeil as chair of the Community Engagement and Culture Promotion Committee.

c. Chairman Humphrey is still in conversation regarding chair of Education Committee. If commissioners are interested, let Chairman Humphrey know in the next week.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Policy Recommendations

i. Commissioner Ray reported that Policy Committee discussed strategic pillars. Future meetings will include discussion of current events and how they apply to Tulsa. Will also work to clarify policies in GTAAAC's bylaws.

ii. Policy Committee meets virtually the last Wednesday of the month at 9 am. Will send future meetings to Lexi.

b. Community Engagement and Culture Promotion

i. Commissioner Wallace shared a report from Commissioner McNeil in her absence.

ii. Beginning in April, the committee will launch a digital newsletter campaign. Posts will be shared 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month and posted on the Resilient Tulsa Facebook. A community member has volunteered to film videos.

1. Call to action: Commissioners volunteer to record videos.



iii. Started organizational database. The goal is to connect with these organizations to raise awareness of and collaboration with GTAAAC. Will have more concrete details next month.

1. Call to action: Add to database directly to the document or by emailing Commissioner McNeil.

c. Education and Skill Building – no report

d. Human Rights Commission

i. Commissioner Wallace shared a report from Commissioner McNeil in her absence.

ii. HRC new leadership: Chair is Drew France, Vice Chair is Dr. Tamecca Rogers.

iii. Two HRC Goals

1. Goal 1: Improve Tulsa residents' access to the City of Tulsa Department of Resilience and Equity's resources by modernizing, streamlining, and removing barriers to the City of Tulsa's human rights complaint filing process.

2. Goal 2: Increase diverse representation and equitable recruitment practices across all City of Tulsa authorities, boards, and commissions.

3. Progress is being made on both goals.

IX. Old Business – no old business

X. New Business – no new business

XI. Announcements / Public Comments

a. Lexi reminded commissioners to complete the commission retreat form by Friday to have input on this year's topics. She will send a final reminder tomorrow.

b. Commissioner Love shared information about bills for the scholarships for 1921 Race Massacre descendants.

c. Public Comments

i. Brentom Todd: March 21 Tulsa Empowerment Network Community Meeting at 36th Street North Event Center (will be monthly moving forward).

XII. Adjournment

a. Chairman Humphrey entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

i. Commissioner Love made a motion, Commissioner Ray seconded.

1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0

ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.