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Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | January 17, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners Listening via Call: Mattece Mason

Commissioners Absent: Damali Wilson

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Jack Blair, Krya Carby, Carson Colvin, James Wagner

- I. **Call to Order**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.
- II. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the November 22 meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, Commissioner Aduni seconded.
 1. Aye: 11, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, November 22 meeting minutes approved.
- III. **Commissioner Oath of Office**
 - a. Lexi passed around a document for commissioners to sign the oath of office. Chairwoman Williams read the oath aloud. All commissioners present signed.
- IV. **Guest Speaker: Damario Solomon-Simmons, Justice for Greenwood**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams introduced Attorney Damario Solomon-Simmons.
 - b. DJ Mercer with Justice for Greenwood passed out a handout to commissioners highlighting key reparations recommendations from the organization.
 - c. Justice for Greenwood Mission: Get justice and reparations for victims, survivors, and descendants of 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.
 - d. Justice for Greenwood's four programs:
 - i. We Are Greenwood: document & highlight descendant stories
 1. Assembled 1,000 individuals in descendant network
 2. 4 genealogy experts on staff
 - ii. Fight for our Rights and Dignity: legal advocacy



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- iii. Justice for Greenwood Legacy Fund: donations, grants, and scholarships to survivors, descendants, and institutions essential to Greenwood's recovery
- iv. Booker T Washington Initiative: education about history of Greenwood and Black Wall Street
- e. Project Greenwood: Reparations Recommendations
 - i. Promotes true healing & conciliation for the Greenwood community.
 - ii. Tangibly improve lives of survivors and descendants.
 - iii. Good for survivors & descendants as well as the whole of Tulsa.
 - 1. Promote true healing.
 - 2. Remove dark cloud of the massacre.
 - 3. Attract new private investments, residents, and tourists.
 - 4. Positive coverage of 105th anniversary of massacre and 250th USA anniversary.
 - iv. Harm based, not race based.
 - v. Aspects of Project Greenwood include:
 - 1. Must immediately pay survivors.
 - 2. Establish victims compensation fund.
 - a. Valued property losses at over \$200 million, according to the Brookings Institute.
 - 3. Create descendant business support program for verified descendant-majority owned businesses based in Tulsa.
 - 4. Descendant scholarship program.
 - 5. Surviving entity grant program.
 - 6. Descendant employment preference program.
 - a. Provide an employment preference to verified massacre descendants who seek employment within the City of Tulsa.
 - 7. Descendant contracting preference program.
 - a. City of Tulsa should establish a contracting preference for verified descendant-majority owned businesses.
 - 8. Immunity from all City of Tulsa taxes, fees, assessments, and/or utility expenses for survivors and descendants for a specified period of time.
 - 9. Historic Greenwood land record audit.
 - 10. Build Level 1 Trauma Center Hospital in north Tulsa
 - a. The absence of hospitals in north Tulsa drives severe health disparities compared to south Tulsa.
 - 11. June 1 Official Holiday in City of Tulsa in recognition of the massacre and host appropriate commemoration activities.
 - 12. Release of all Tulsa Race Massacre Records.
 - 13. Open criminal investigation of known murder victims.
 - vi. Legal precedents for this work:
 - 1. Palm Springs reparations for Black and Latine families



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2. Oklahoma City Bombing victims compensation fund
 3. 9/11 Bombing Fund
- f. Commissioner Q&A
- i. Commissioner Armstrong: What do you see as the biggest pushback?
 1. Damario: Many people don't think others deserve reparations. Good faith individuals will agree these measures make sense. There are legal pathways for this to occur, and projects happening right now in Greenwood that can serve as revenue sources. Public-private partnership is needed, people want to support if the framework is there.
 2. Armstrong: City should take the lead with public dollars.
 3. Damario: Absolutely. The City is responsible and must take the lead. The worst thing that can happen is for our two living survivors to pass away without ever seeing anything happen for them.
 - ii. Vice Chair Wilson: It's important to tell the story through data. Appreciate framing through harm instead of race. We know that this framing can be repaired, we have to carry that consistent message in basing it in harm.
 - iii. Councilor Hall-Harper: Mentioned needing access to City records. What about other institutions (TU, Tulsa Chamber) that have kept records from the community?
 1. Damario: We have plans to do this. DOJ report was disappointing harm on many fronts. Confirmed some of what we already knew, but they chose not to use subpoena power or investigate mass graves.
 - iv. Commissioner Aduni: The database you have could be vital for this commission's next steps. Is that data available to the commission to use to identify descendants?
 1. Damario: Depends, there are some things that are private. Individuals have to agree to make their information available. Have identified about 7,000 descendants who live in historic Greenwood
 - v. Commissioner Taylor: Has there ever been a descendant land trust where land from the City can go that's governed by descendants?
 1. Damario: Great idea, this has been discussed at Justice for Greenwood. Trying to make things as clean and simple as possible. Excellent idea and willing to discuss further.

V. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams discussed the importance of the recently released Department of Justice report as a federal acknowledgement of the Tulsa Race Massacre, despite the disappointment that they will not prosecute. Naming that the massacre was a coordinated military attack is powerful. This report will be important in our work.
- b. Chairwoman Williams read select quotes from the report that focus on the City's role in the destruction during the massacre.



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- c. Lexi included the report in the commission's shared Dropbox folder.
- VI. Discussion: Application for Zarrow Families Foundation Commemoration Fund and Potential Nonprofit Partner, Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams shared that Vice Chair Wilson, Commissioner Reyes, Lexi, and she discussed applying for the Zarrow Families Foundation Commemoration Fund grant.
 - b. Vice Chair Wilson shared ideas about what the funds could be used for, including programmatic support, future travel to the reparations conference, hosting a mini-conference in Tulsa to amplify First Repair's work, creating a public portal for Tulsa Race Massacre descendants, and conducting research. Black Wall Street Chamber of Commerce is a potential partner because the grant requires 501c3 status to apply.
 - c. Chairwoman Williams underscored her desire of creating a database of descendants to help with all current and future reparations efforts. She would like to pay Dr. Angela Raji to do that work. Wants the City to continue to pay for programmatic aspects of reparations and for commissioners to attend the First Repair conference in Evanston.
 - d. Chairwoman Williams opened the floor for discussion.
 - i. Commissioner Monday agrees the responsibility of sending commissioners to conference should fall with the City.
 - ii. Commissioner Armstrong shared that this fund is Zarrow setting aside funds annually and a BIPOC-led board decides where the funds go. Agree City has responsibility; however, we are not the only commission and this could open the door to other commissions to expect similar things from the City. Never leave money on the table, City money is not guaranteed.
 - iii. Councilor Hall-Harper: If accepting funds will compromise the commission's purpose, then that needs to be considered. Sometimes money has strings attached, which happens frequently with the philanthropic community.
 - iv. Commissioner Taylor: Will Chairwoman Williams and Vice Chair Wilson need support with writing the grant?
 - 1. Chairwoman Williams assumed Commissioner Reyes would write the grant with commissioner involvement.
 - 2. Commissioner Reyes: Happy to support if Chairwoman Williams already has a draft. There is a very quick turnaround and we will need to work with Black Wall Street Chamber as the nonprofit partner.
 - v. Commissioner Taylor asked to clarify distinction between the database Chairwoman Williams envisions and the database Justice for Greenwood mentioned in their presentation.
 - 1. Chairwoman: Dr. Angela Raji did research for Justice for Greenwood to identify descendants, but they still need a place to house that information. A searchable database be helpful when it comes time to deliver the housing program. The grant can also



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pay for consulting with Dr. Raji to help craft vetting process for descendants with the housing program.

- e. Chairwoman Williams reiterated that her opinion is to include the database creation as the main part of the grant. Vice Chair Willson brought back up the First Repair retreat programming in Tulsa, program evaluation, and data/research.
- f. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to apply for the Zarrow Commemoration Fund grant to fund a descendant database, partnership with First Repair, and further data and research.
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion, Commissioner Mayes seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
 - 2. Commissioner Armstrong left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, Commission will apply for the grant.

VII. Housing Reparations Program Recommendations: Feedback Review and Next Steps

- a. Chairwoman Williams shared that Mayor Nichols will come to the March 21 commission meeting. Between now and then will have further conversations about how to fund recommendations.
- b. Mayor Nichols is interested in releases the program recommendations publicly. Commissioner Reyes noted that the recommendations can be published on the City's website on the Beyond Apology Commission webpage.
- c. Vice Chair Wilson suggested that in the February meeting the commission takes time to coalesce on the recommendations prior to releasing publicly and having the Mayor at the March meeting.
- d. Chairwoman Williams noted that when things are released publicly, it opens everyone up to backlash.
- e. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to publish the recommendations on the City's website.
 - i. Commissioner Evans motioned, Commissioner Taylor seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 8 (Chairwoman Williams, Councilor Hall-Harper, and Commissioners Evans, Taylor, Mayes, Monday, Reyes, and West)
 - 2. Nay: 2 (Vice Chair Wilson and Commissioner Aduni)
 - 3. Commissioner Armstrong left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried.
- f. Commissioner Aduni raised her hesitation to publish the recommendations publicly because the commission has not discussed the recommendations enough amongst the group, nor has the commission discussed with the mayor yet. Wants to have common talking points for when the public asks questions.
 - i. Chairwoman Williams pointed out that the minutes reflect that a discussion was had in the November 22 meeting and each commissioner read the recommendations individually before voting to submit them to the mayor.
- g. City staff will coordinate with Chairwoman Williams to determine a plan for releasing the recommendations.



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VIII. Old Business – no old business

IX. New Business

- a. Commissioner Monday recommended creating an acknowledgement of the ancestors to read at the beginning of each meeting.

X. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Mayes congratulated Commissioner Reyes for being named Deputy Mayor. He shared that the commission is proud of her and expecting greatness with the new administration.
- b. Vice Chair Wilson shared that Tulsa Community College (her employer) published a piece on the commission's work and her involvement.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Monday made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 10
 - 2. Commissioner Armstrong left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.



Beyond Apology Commission

Special Meeting | February 28, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

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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

Commissioners Absent: Krystal Reyes, Damali Wilson

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Jack Blair

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the January meeting minutes.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper made a motion, Commissioner Monday seconded.
 1. Aye: 11, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, January meeting minutes approved.

III. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams thanked everyone for the work and progress put into releasing the housing program recommendations. Big step forward. Next step is hearing back from Mayor Nichols, should have a formal response in time for the March meeting.
- b. Going to start thinking about other areas of focus, housing is just the beginning. Reached out to Garry Clark, CEO of PartnerTulsa, to explore collaboration on economic development initiatives. Hope he can attend a future meeting, awaiting a response.
- c. Beyond Apology Commission Landing Page – Chairwoman Williams did some work with the City's communications team to improve visibility, clarity, and transparency.
- d. Will begin working on community engagement, hosting meetings to go deeper into the recommendations with the public. Would like to start planning in late March or early April, could have meetings at Vernon AME. Keep community informed and be transparent in our work, so these meetings are vital.
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson: Will there be planning before this point before then to identify next priorities?
 1. Chairwoman Williams: Yes, about to discuss that.
- e. The commission will start to build out committees. These committees will do research, planning, and execution and monthly commission meetings will report out. Each committee will have a chair. Committees are open to the public to join, can reach out to individuals you want to join, want to have people who are passionate and knowledgeable.



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Chairwoman Williams will provide recommendations of individuals to serve on the committees. Committees should meet at least once a month, do not need to be open to the public as long as less than a quorum of commissioners are present.

- i. Chairwoman Williams proposed the following standing committees, based on recommendations from the Beyond Apology Report:
 1. Policy & legislation
 2. Housing & land justice
 3. Economic development & business restoration
 4. Education & historical truth
 5. Public health & community wellness
- ii. Commissioners discussed proposed committees' focuses and where overlaps occur between committees.
- iii. Chairwoman Williams noted this is an opportunity to collaborate with individuals who are part of Justice for Greenwood.
 1. Commissioner Mayes shared hesitancy to connect with Justice for Greenwood as an entity but could work to connect with individuals. May want to wait until we are further down the road. Vice Chair Wilson agrees, committees should begin their work and if an opportunity for collaboration arises, can collaborate. Committees will need to look holistically at what programs and initiatives are already in place.
 2. Robust discussion ensued on how to invite partners for collaboration in the future. Important to continue working towards a collaborative win for the community and be mindful of the legacy this group is building.
- f. Many reparations commissions across the country have an Ancestral Acknowledgement at the start of their meetings. Can take inspiration from other commissions. Asked Commissioners Aduni and Monday to work together to create this.
 - i. Requested to include specific individuals who have been doing this work before us, whether alive or not.

IV. Review and Vote: Commission Bylaws

- a. Chairwoman Williams will send Lexi further edits on the standing committees to incorporate in a future draft of the bylaws.
- b. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong: Article IX states we will have quarterly community meetings, how strict will that be?
 1. Chairwoman: Can be flexible, don't need to rush to plan an event in the first quarter.
 - ii. Commissioner Taylor noted how the standing committees match the areas of focus in Article III.
 - iii. Vice Chair Wilson: How will we make decisions on who chairs each committee?
 1. Chairwoman Williams: A commissioner must chair a committee.
 - iv. Commissioner Monday: Can we serve on more than one committee?
 1. Chairwoman Williams: Yes, but can only chair one committee.
 2. Commissioner Mayes recommended each commissioner can list their top three preferences for committees.



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- v. Commissioner Mason prompted a discussion about virtual participation in meetings. Lexi shared context regarding the Open Meetings Act, and how this commission has the flexibility to operate because of being established by Executive Order instead of City Ordinance. Councilor Hall-Harper feels it does not compromise transparency to accommodate virtual participation and suggested getting language from legal for how that should be included in the bylaws. Want virtual presence to count as present.
- vi. Commissioner Monday prompted a question about the conflict of interest, and Attorney Blair and Council Hall-Harper helped clarify what conflicts may look like. Commissioner Mason recommended having a form for commissioners to list potential conflicts of interest as they arise.

V. Old Business – no old business

VI. New Business

a. Discussion: Broadcasting Meetings on TGOV

- i. Chairwoman Williams thinks it is important to broadcast on TGOV for transparency and accessibility to the public. Recordings will be archived for future reference and historical record.
 - 1. Commissioner Mason noted disappointment in not having the press conference recorded. Lexi shared that she has reached out to reporters to see if we can find a recording and will share as soon as she has it. It important to have a recording, the City should have prioritized recording the press conference and be more attentive. Also a protective measure for the commissioners.
 - a. Commissioner Monday: It's important for us to lean into each other and not be deterred by the naysayers.
 - 2. Commissioner Mayes agrees with broadcasting and recording.
- ii. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion for Beyond Apology Commission meetings to be broadcast and archived on TGOV.
 - 1. Commissioner Monday motioned, Commissioner West seconded.
 - a. Aye: 11, Nay: 0
 - 2. Motion carried, meetings will be broadcast and archived on TGOV.

VII. Announcements / Public Comments – none

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson made a motion, Commissioner Monday seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 11
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | March 21, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: TheRese Anderson Aduni, Jacqueline Evans, Mattece Mason, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday, Deputy Mayor Krystal Reyes, Kristi Williams, Corinice Wilson, Damali Wilson

Commissioners Present Virtually: Phil Armstrong, Greg Taylor, Taylor West

Commissioners Absent: Councilor Hall-Harper

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Jack Blair, Sarah Davis, Mayor Monroe Nichols, Ashtyn Reaugh, James Wagner, Dana Walton

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the February meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Wilson made a motion, Commissioner Aduni seconded.
 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - a. Commissioners Armstrong, Monday, and West were not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, February meeting minutes approved.

III. Discussion with Mayor Nichols Regarding Housing Reparations Program Recommendations

- a. Chairwoman Williams turned the meeting over to Mayor Monroe Nichols.
- b. Mayor Nichols began by reflecting on the National Symposium for Reparations in Evanston—which he attended with several commissioners two days after he took office—as well as his recent travel to Selma, Alabama for the anniversary of Bloody Sunday. Excited to announce June 1st as Tulsa Race Massacre Observance Day last week.
- c. On April 6, Mayor Nichols will present his proposal to the community. More time is needed to work with City Council and others to solidify a proposal that can be enacted.
 - i. Committed to the commission that they will have access to the proposal prior to it becoming public on April 6.
 - ii. Working to ensure it does not water down any recommendations from the commission.

- d. Mayor Nichols shared that he is pleased by the recommendations from this commission. Noted that recommendations often get shelved and never come to fruition, and he is committed that will not happen with these recommendations.
- e. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Commissioner Mayes shared thanks for coming to this meeting and involving commissioners in the process. Also extended gratitude to Deputy Mayor Reyes.
 - 1. Echoed by Commissioner Mason.
 - ii. Chairwoman Williams thanked Mayor Nichols for not putting these recommendations on a shelf. Expressed gratitude for making it to this moment, from a process started many years ago.
 - iii. Chairwoman Williams: How much money will be allocated?
 - 1. Mayor Nichols: Can't share at this time.
 - iv. Commissioner Armstrong: Encountered many different interpretations of what happened in the Race Massacre through the Centennial Commission. This is a courageous step in a sensitive political environment. Taking into account Justice for Greenwood's public proposal. How do we avoid a perception that there are two opposing proposals/sides to how to move forward?
 - 1. Mayor Nichols: Met with the Deep Greenwood Foundation and Justice for Greenwood in addition to reviewing BAC's recommendations. Leadership from the City is important to determine a path forward. What often happens is if the City doesn't have long-term commitment that causes competition for attention amongst different groups. Those who are Race Massacre descendants should be leading conversations. Won't play into a culture of picking one group's recommendations over another. Need to focus on unity over a perception of winners and losers.
 - 2. Commissioner Aduni: There are descendants on this commission, draw inspiration from ancestral energy. Sitting here was their dream, our recommendations come from them.
 - v. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson: What can this commission do to partner with your office between now and April 6? Prefer a dialogue over being informed on what will happen.
 - 1. Mayor Nichols: Implementation will be the stage when the commission can be most helpful. The April 6 announcement will include a framework and commitment to invest in a number of things. Will be great to have one or two commissioners to join internal team at the City. Will try to have a meeting with stakeholders (including BAC) prior to April 6.
 - vi. Commissioner Damali Wilson: What is the process to have commissioner join your internal team working on this?
 - 1. Mayor Nichols: That's for the commission to decide, would be helpful to have someone to be additionally informed on the internal discussions.
 - vii. Mayor Nichols noted that of the different groups he's met with, the recommendations are not far off from one another. More alignment than divergence.



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- viii. Commissioner Mason: Favor a unified approach. How many organizations are commissioned by the City to volunteer for this work? Is it going to diminish the financial impact of what BAC is able to allocate?
 - 1. Mayor Nichols: Short answer is no. Financial position the City is in is that more has been spent than taking in, going to be cutting budget. Establishing a framework of how programs will be resourced, and one will not come at the expense of another.
 - 2. Commissioner Mason: Concerned about the difference between the collaborative relationship BAC has with the City versus cacophonous relationship other entities have with the City. Revitalizing a part of town will positively impact the whole city. Want to take our time and ensure this commission's efforts are not diminished by others' personal goals. Saw in the Evanston conference that the eyes of the country are on Tulsa. BAC has set a standard and it shouldn't be tainted by outside personal interest. Anyone fighting for repair is a blessing.
 - 3. Mayor Nichols: Point well taken, unconcerned with personalities. BAC being a function of the City, there is a level of prestige, and there are aspects of other ideas that are outside of the scope of what BAC has focused on up to this point. Want to take the opportunity to take some big steps while there is time. The Race Massacre has made Tulsa notable, how we respond to it will make this city special. Don't want anyone feeling they have lost, want everyone to see progress is being made. Have to think of the future beyond 2025 and work to build a sustainable framework.
- ix. Commissioner Monday thanked Mayor Nichols for his leadership and commitment. It is a huge undertaking, and important to honor the ancestors. Recognized Chairwoman Williams, Greg Robinson, and Councilor Hall-Harper for their ongoing commitment. No longer just focused on the trauma, but on healing.
- f. Mayor Nichols wrapped up by reflecting on that while all authorities, boards, and commissions are important at the City, not all are as personal or groundbreaking as this one is.
 - i. Read the DOJ report and particularly focused on the section about the Mayor at the time. At best, the mayor was absent, at worst they directed violent acts. Will not be absent or a bystander. Credit to Mayor Bynum for establishing the commission.
 - ii. Offered to have further discussions.
- g. Chairwoman Williams thanked Mayor Nichols for coming to the meeting.

IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams reflected that she would like to hold off on establishing committees until Mayor Nichols releases his proposal on April 6.
- b. Chairwoman Williams recognized Commissioners Aduni and Monday for creating an Ancestral Acknowledgement, will email to the commission.

V. Old Business – no old business

VI. New Business



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- a. Chairwoman Williams will work with Mayor Nichols, Deputy Mayor Reyes, and Lexi about integrating with the Mayor's Office.

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Fair Housing event on April 1. Lexi will email a flyer.
- b. April 25 – 27 is the next round of Community Genealogy Workshops. Will send registration link to Lexi once live.
- c. Public Comments
 - i. GTAAAC Commissioner Maybelle Wallace asked how you make it on the descendants list. Chairwoman Williams noted that BAC is not at that phase yet, but as soon as we are at the implementation stage she will reach out. Will be an application process.
 - ii. Executive Director of 1256 Movement: Support individuals with making repairs to their homes to preserve property values. As new folks move here and new housing is built, want to ensure those who have lived here also benefit from the growth. Offered organization as a resource.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Aduni made a motion, Commissioner Monday seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 12
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.



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Commissioners Present Virtually: Taylor West

Commissioners Absent: Vanessa Hall-Harper, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Amber Guipttons, Dion'trae Hayes

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.
- b. Commissioner Aduni opened the meeting with the Ancestral Acknowledgement.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the March meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Commissioner Armstrong seconded.
 1. Aye: 8, Nay: 0
 - a. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson and Commissioner Damali Wilson were not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, March meeting minutes approved.

III. Guest Speaker: Omare Jimmerson, Executive Director of Oklahoma Birth Equity Initiative

- a. Chairwoman Williams introduced Omare Jimmerson. Grounded the commission in Black maternal health data from the Equality Indicators report.
- b. Oklahoma Birth Equity Initiative equips families to have healthy births with dignity and reduce maternal health disparities.
- c. Gynecology was “founded” by experimenting on enslaved Black women.
- d. In the last five to eight years, Black maternal mortality is more prevalent in popular discourse.
- e. Black women in Oklahoma are two to three times more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than white counterparts. Highest infant mortality rate of babies to teen parents, Black teens highest of that. 60k near misses annually. 33% of Indigenous people experience mistreatment in birth.
- f. OKBEI Programs
 - i. Community-based doula program (no-cost for Black, Indigenous, Latine, justice-involved individuals, or those with substance use).



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- ii. Queens Village – safe space for Black mothers to support and be supported by their peers.
- iii. Hospital quality improvement
- iv. TeamBirth Communication: Conversations with pregnant person, nurse, and doctor to speak together rather than passing messages through nurse.
- g. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson: What's the median age of pregnant people you train?
 - 1. Omare: Right before age of 30. Serve teens all the way up to 40s. Stigma and lack of trust is a barrier. Teaching participants to shop around and find a provider who is right for them.
 - ii. Chairwoman Williams: What do you think the City and BAC can do to affect this issue?
 - 1. Omare: Talk to hospitals and educate them. Also must educate the community on their options.
 - 2. Commissioner Mason: How much do you think veil of silence plays a role in educating community?
 - 3. Omare: Definitely plays a role. OKBEI does a lot of community education.
 - iii. Commissioner Aduni noted that we also need more Black doctors. Commission Armstrong added that there also needs to be more incentive for Black doctors to practice in places like Oklahoma.

IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams reported that Mayor Nichols moved his announcement from April 6 to June 1.
 - i. Holding off on defining committees and setting annual priorities until we hear his plans so we can be responsive.
- b. *Cost of Inheritance* Screening & Panel
 - i. Lexi shared information about the event, which she and Kyra Carby have been helping to plan. The event is on Saturday, April 26 at 6 pm at OSU-Tulsa's auditorium.
 - ii. *Cost of Inheritance* is a documentary that explores the complex issue of reparations in the United States using a thoughtful approach to history, historical injustices, systemic inequities, and the critical dialogue on racial conciliation.
 - iii. Vice Chair Wilson will help open the screening, and Commissioner Evans will participate in the panel discussion following the film.
- c. Involvement in Mayor Nichols's Announcement on June 1, 2025
 - i. Deputy Mayor Reyes shared the location for the announcement has not been determined yet.

V. Old Business

- a. Review and Vote on Commission Bylaws
 - i. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve commission bylaws.
 - 1. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Commissioner Evans seconded.
 - a. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
 - 2. Motion carried, commission bylaws approved.

VI. New Business

- a. Chairwoman Williams shared about a project she is working on with National Geographic about trees, the silent witnesses of trauma. Went to look at the Oaklawn Cemetary tree to discover it has been cut down. Devastating to see it is no longer there. Want to put something in motion to ensure community is informed on these important decisions before they happen.
 - i. Two grave markers that were by the tree are also not there.
 - ii. Erasure of history is happening around the country, need to know why no one was notified.
 - iii. Commissioner Aduni noted that the tree in front of Carver needs to be preserved. Commissioner Armstrong shared that during the Centennial Commission's work, they determined that tree is over 100 years old. Had an acknowledgement ceremony of the tree's importance in history. Could make City aware before anything ever happens to that tree to ensure it is preserved.
 - iv. Commissioner Mason recommended creating a catalogue of sites that have historical importance and have a designation for historically important trees. Then if the tree is in jeopardy, there has to be a notification process. Removal of these types of marks ebbs away at the soul of the entire city.
 - v. Trees have memory and tell story of historical trauma.

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Public Comments: Jeanetta with Deep Greenwood Foundation (121 N Greenwood) and Race Massacre descendant. Deep Greenwood Foundation is working to certify descendants by oral history or records. Focus on reparations by taxes, education, and money. Also working to preserve buildings that remained through the Race Massacre. We all have a part to play and unique voices, and it's important to work together in community.
 - i. June 1 Descendants Family Reunion at Mabel B. Little House 3 – 6:30 pm.
 - ii. Vice Chair Wilson thanked Janetta for being here, reiterated importance of working together.
 - iii. Second Public Comment: Heather noted that Deep Greenwood's restitution plan is specifically focused on Greenwood. Have certified 280+ descendants.
 - iv. Commissioner Armstrong underscored the importance of supporting one another, even as different entities may work independently.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 9
 - a. Commissioner West left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | May 16, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: TheRese Anderson Aduni, Phil Armstrong, Jacqueline Evans, D'Marria Monday, Krystal Reyes, Greg Taylor, Taylor West, Corinice Wilson

Commissioners Present Virtually: Kristi Williams

Commissioners Absent: Vanessa Hall-Harper, Mattece Mason, Keith Mayes, Damali Wilson

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Kyra Carby, Dion'trae Hayes, Brentom Todd

I. Call to Order

- a. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.

II. Ancestral Acknowledgement

- a. Commissioner Aduni delivered the Ancestral Acknowledgement.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Vice Chair Wilson entertained a motion to approve the April meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, Commissioner West seconded.
 1. Aye: 7, Nay: 0

- a. Commissioner Monday and Chairwoman Williams were not yet present in the meeting.

- ii. Motion carried, April meeting minutes approved.

IV. Guest Speaker: Kyra Carby, Community Genealogy Grant Coordinator at City of Tulsa

- a. Kyra introduced herself and shared a handout about the Emmett Till Cold Case Grant and a workbook for the community engaged genealogy workshops.
- b. Greenwood Cultural Center will be the hub of information. Working on an exhibit that will open this summer, which will include a database to search where people lived before the Race Massacre.
- c. Provided training to Tulsa Police Department to help prevent cases from becoming cold.
- d. Goal for genealogy workshops participation is 200. Will have next workshop in June, pre-registration opens next week. The workshops are open to all and pre-registration allows data capture for the workshop.
 - i. Workshop teaches you how to research an individual person in your family tree.
 - ii. People have the option to donate DNA to do a DNA comparison.
 - iii. Gives you roots to the land you are connected to, discovering family and neighbors lost during the Race Massacre.
- e. Commission Discussion:



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- i. Vice Chair Wilson: When does the grant end, and how will the work continue? Kyra answered that the grant ends September 30, 2025. Greenwood Cultural Center will own the work moving forward, with City of Tulsa collaboration.
- ii. Commissioner Armstrong asked what the amount of the grant is, Kyra answered that the grant is \$1 million, 75 thousand.
 - 1. Commissioner Armstrong: Will there still be funds at the conclusion of the grant on Sept. 30?
 - 2. Kyra: Yes, the City is filing for a no cause extension. If granted, we can get a six month to one year extension.
- iii. Commissioner Armstrong asked for more information about the exhibit at Greenwood Cultural Center.
 - 1. Kyra: Partly paid for by the grant, some amount will be up to Greenwood Cultural Center to identify additional funding needed.
- iv. Commissioner Monday asked what is considered sufficient information about family history to do genealogy work. Kyra provided examples of places some people start, sometimes with very little information.
- v. Vice Chair Wilson asked about community outreach and ensuring folks' information is safe and secure.
 - 1. Kyra: City of Tuls and Tulsa Police Department do not access people's DNA. Use Ancestry.com and 1921dna.org for the work. Important for people to know what their rights are. DNA donation is optional.

V. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Vice Chair Wilson welcomed Chairwoman Williams into the meeting. Chairwoman Williams and Councilor Hall-Harper are at a conference in Omaha, representing Tulsa. Omaha just elected their first Black mayor yesterday.
- b. Recap of *Cost of Inheritance* Screening and Panel
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson shared that it was insightful and appreciated giving the welcome. Commissioner Evans spoke on the panel and several commissioners were at the event.
 - ii. Commissioner Evans enjoyed the panel because they discussed the panel and City of Tulsa's work, and she was proud to share the story of her ancestors. Appreciated working with everyone on the panel and planning team.
 - iii. The event highlighted the collective work we are doing. Continuation of us working together in collaboration.
- c. Chairwoman Williams will send an invite to the commission for a community listening session at Vernon AME Church on June 1 at 6 pm.

VI. Old Business

- a. Commission's Role in June 1 Tulsa Race Massacre Observance Day
 - i. Brentom Todd, Mayor Nichols's Deputy Chief of Staff, introduced himself.
 - ii. The Road to Repair announcement will be June 1st at 2:30 pm. Brentom passed out invitations to commissioners from Mayor Nichols.
 - iii. The mayor's team is finalizing details of programming. Initial invitation has gone out and event is shared on the Mayor's Facebook page. Please rsvp to help the Mayor's Office prepare for attendance.



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- iv. Spread the word, if you know someone who should be invited, please share with them. Public event, want to honor survivors and descendants.

VII. Guest Speaker: Genealogy and Database Creation with Dr. Angela Raji

- a. Chairwoman Williams introduced Dr. Angela Raji.
- b. Dr. Raji shared that she is working on a project with Justice for Greenwood to document descendants of Tulsa Race Massacre survivors.
 - i. Utilize 1920 Census as well as city directories from around that time (within 3 years before and after the Race Massacre).
 - ii. Talked about process to trace family lineage. Genealogy can take many twists and turns, helpful for the individual to do some homework prior to tracing their family history.
- c. Tulsa County doesn't have digitized school records, which is not the norm for most cities. Dr. Raji wondered if there are other sources of identification that are local to Tulsa.
 - i. Chairwoman Williams noted she would like to start a database that is separate from the City. Verifying descendants is key in the reparations movement.
 - ii. Commissioner Armstrong noted that Kyra's work is incredibly well done through the community engaged genealogy project.
 - iii. Vice Chair Wilson noted that Deep Greenwood Foundation is also doing this.
- d. Dr. Raji suggested developing an intake form for folks who reach out after the Mayor's June 1 announcement.
- e. Dr. Raji talked about different forms of corroborating data, such as birth or death certificates or military enrollment, that can be used to prove lineal descent.
- f. The search of 104 years is not that deep or difficult of a search.
- g. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson asked how to reach Dr. Raji for further questions. Lexi will share her email with the commission.
 - ii. Commissioner Taylor asked for Dr. Raji's thoughts about DNA vs lineage.
 - 1. Dr. Raji: Use DNA all the time in my work, DNA test gives information on both maternal and paternal. Connecting an individual today to an individual who was a victim of the race massacre, need both sets of DNA samples.

VIII. New Business

- a. Update on Mass Graves Investigation at Oaklawn Cemetery
 - i. Brentom Todd provided an update. Concluded all exhuming from 2024 season, planning to release a report of findings in early June.
 - ii. There is enough in the proposed 2025 – 2026 budget for the City to continue efforts next year. The budget is currently in the City Council's hands.
 - 1. Vice Chair Wilson noted commissioners can advocate with their City Councilor.
 - iii. Several teams working on this every single day.
 - iv. Commissioner Armstrong paused to acknowledge the work that was done to honor C.L. Daniels. The City flew out his family to be at the memorial ceremony.



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1. Brentom added that he is working to standardize a process as more remains are identified to ensure respectful and meaningful recognition of individuals in a sustainable way.
- v. Chairwoman Williams noted she served on the investigation oversight committee. Witnessed a fading away of that committee. Asked how those meetings can be brought back. Suggested ensuring that the community continues to be connected to and involved in the work. Brentom thanked her for her input

IX. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. No announcements.
- b. Public Comments
 - i. Janetta with Deep Greenwood Foundation shared about the upcoming Greenwood Descendant Family Reunion on June 1. Shared posters.
 - ii. Jazzy shared an event she is hosting on June 1 at Greenwood Gallery during Legacy Fest focused on community healing so people can be partners in all the work taking place.

X. Adjournment

- a. Vice Chair Wilson entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, Commissioner Evans seconded.
 1. Aye: 9
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.



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Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | June 20, 2025 | 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, D'Marria Monday, Krystal Reyes, Taylor West, Kristi Williams, Corinice Wilson, Damali Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Phil Armstrong, Keith Mayes, Greg Taylor

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Dion'trae Hayes

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 May meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Damali Wilson made a motion, Commissioner Mason seconded.
 1. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, May meeting minutes approved.

IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams reflected on the Mayor's Road to Repair announcement on June 1, a significant step toward reparative justice on behalf of City of Tulsa. Establishes the Greenwood Trust and sets a fundraising goal of \$105 million between now and June 1, 2026. The commission's themes and Road to Repair's outlined programs align with the community recommendations.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper shared that Mayor Nichols told her the Greenwood Trust oversight will have representation from the Beyond Apology Commission, Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission, Justice for Greenwood, and other organizations that have a stake in this work.
- b. Engagement in the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Mass Graves Investigation
 - i. Chairwoman Williams & Councilor Hall-Harper had been part of the Mass Graves Oversight Committee; however, over time the committee was dissolved. Want to see that committee reconvened, with BAC having a seat at the table. Public trust was lost.



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1. Commissioner Mason noted that as revelations were being made, communication stopped, and this led to loss of trust.
2. Councilor Hall-Harper shared that the previous mayoral administration stopped responding to communications asking about the process. The new mayoral administration, with Brentom Todd, is committed to restarting the oversight committee.
- ii. Community engagement meetings – would like to schedule one in July, either the 22nd or 29th. Want community to be part of how BAC announces committees and have an opportunity to be part of the work.
 1. Vice Chair Wilson asked for clarification of how committee members will be selected. Previously discussed that the commission will intentionally invite members instead of extending an open call to anyone to join.
 - a. Chairwoman Williams shared she will personally invite everyone who participated in all four Beyond Apology community meetings.
 - b. Commissioner Mason helped clarify that there will be intentional invitations and community members can submit their names; however, they may not be added to a committee.
 2. Commissioner Monday asked how committees are being formed and the topics that are covered. Chairwoman Williams will send an email asking commissioners which committee they would like to serve on. The committees will come from the eight community topics.
 3. Chairwoman Williams put forward the question of July 22nd vs 29th. Came to consensus for the 22nd.
 - a. Commissioner West asked if virtual is an option, others shared that will not be an option.
 4. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to hold the community engagement meeting on July 22nd at 6 pm.
 - a. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Commissioner Damali Wilson seconded.
 - i. Aye: 10
 - b. Motion carried, community engagement meeting will be on July 22nd and 6 pm.
- iii. Chairwoman Williams raised she wants BAC to have a social media presence, produce videos. Clips of community meetings/events. Need an avenue for BAC to have a presence and share about the work they're doing.
 1. Deputy Mayor Reyes offered to set up a meeting with the City's communications team to discuss short- and long-term strategies.

V. Old Business

- a. Recap and Discussion of Mayor Monroe Nichols's Road to Repair Announcement – covered in Chair's report



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- b. Update on Tangible Reparations Subcommittee Work
 - i. Chairwoman Williams proposes having eight subcommittees, one aligned to each theme from the Beyond Apology Report so it is clear to the community that the recommendations they made are being carried out.
 - 1. Education, systems change, financial compensation, community/economic development, housing, land, health and wellness, cultural identity
 - ii. Chairwoman Williams will email commissioners for committee signups.
 - iii. Vice Chair Wilson stressed the importance of planning in advance before going in front of community, Chairwoman Williams confirmed there will be intentional conversations and planning leading up to the community meeting.
- c. Update on 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Mass Graves Investigation – covered in Chair's report
- d. Public Engagement (Community Sessions) – covered in Chair's report

VI. New Business

- a. Councilwoman Hall-Harper passed around a letter from herself to District 1 residents voicing issues with PartnerTulsa's role in the Greenwood Legacy CDC, especially her strong concern of the CDC excluding community.
 - i. Commissioner Monday noted that PartnerTulsa is often led by people who come from outside of Tulsa.
 - ii. Vice Chair Wilson shared her experience in a meeting related to this issue where questions were raised about community participation.
- b. Exploring National Partnerships with First Repair and Other Reparations-Focused Organizations
 - i. Chairwoman Williams had a conversation with Robin Rue Simmons discuss a partnership with BAC and First Repair. Working together will position Tulsa on a national platform and provide resources to BAC. Will continue to discuss.

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Vice Chair Wilson congratulated Deputy Mayor Reyes for being inducted into the Oklahoma Hispanic Hall of Fame.
- b. Commissioner West introduced two guests in the audience.
- c. Chairwoman Williams, Councilor Hall-Harper, and Commissioner West attended a conference in San Jose to speak about Greenwood.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner West made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 10
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | August 15, 2025 | 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, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday, Krystal Reyes, Greg Taylor, Kristi Williams, Corinice Wilson, Damali Wilson

Commissioners Present Virtually: Taylor West

Commissioners Absent: Phil Armstrong

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Dion'trae Hayes

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 June meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Commissioner Damali Wilson seconded.
 1. Aye: 10
 - a. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson and Commissioner Monday were not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, June meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams grounded the commission with a reminder that the harm done to Greenwood was deliberate, and thus so must the repair.
 - b. Chairwoman Williams distributed a handout with committee assignments (Appendix 1). Gave commissioners an opportunity to change their assignment. Also distributed a handout with committee pre-work (Appendix 2).
 - i. Will implement an application process for committee members.
 - ii. Edit: Add Mass Graves Investigation to Cultural Identity committee. Chairwoman Williams wants BAC to be involved in that process.
 - iii. Committees are expected to meet once a month. Each committee will elect a chair, who will turn in report to Chairwoman Williams one week before BAC meetings.



- iv. Can start committee work before community meetings, so BAC can show the community that the work as begun.
 - v. Deputy Mayor Reyes recommended City staff who would be helpful with different committees' work:
 - 1. Dr. Pasha: Health and Wellness
 - 2. Office of Public Art and Community Partnerships: Cultural Identity
 - c. Chairwoman Williams met with the City of Evanston so they can learn how she teaches about reparations and her model can be recreated in other communities.
 - d. Public Engagement (Community Sessions)
 - i. Chairwoman Williams doesn't want to schedule a community meeting until she meets with Mayor Nichols and learns more about the Greenwood Trust, as the community will have questions about it.
 - e. Chairwoman Williams: Greenwood founders did not wait for perfect conditions, they built anyway. We must move forward with urgency and responsibility to those who came before us and those who will inherit what BAC is shaping.
 - f. Councilor Hall-Harper: When will we be bringing in community to serve on committees?
 - i. Chairwoman Williams: Want to have the community meeting first so everyone has an opportunity to join. If you have someone in mind for a committee, you can gauge their interest, but won't officially confirm members yet. This is the community's work.
 - ii. Councilor Hall-Harper: Do you have a meeting date with Mayor Nichols?
 - iii. Chairwoman Williams: Brentom Todd said they're working on some things and will be in touch to schedule a meeting by the end of August.
 - 1. Deputy Mayor Reyes: This is a planning year, their team is getting things in order for the Greenwood Trust.
 - 2. Vice Chair Wilson: Does BAC give recommendations to the Greenwood Trust only, or to the trust and Mayor Nichols? Will need clarity.
 - g. Update on Social Media Opportunities for BAC – no update
- V. Discussion Led by Councilor Hall-Harper: Greenwood Legacy CDC**
- a. Councilor Hall-Harper passed out letters raising concerns about the Greenwood Leadership Community Development Corporation (GLCDC).
 - i. One letter from herself,
 - ii. District 73 State Representative Ronald Stewart,
 - iii. Standpipe Hill Strategies,
 - iv. Be Good Development Partners (Franchell Abdalla), and
 - v. The last letter from herself and co-signed by several faith leaders.
 - b. The Kirkpatrick Heights-Greenwood Master Plan (KHGMP) was a positive experience led by Standpipe Hill (Greg Robinson) that led to GLCDC's establishment. GLCDC was intended to be community-led.
 - c. Councilor read her letter dated June 12, 2025 aloud.
 - d. Councilor Hall-Harper is advocating that the 56 acres of land be placed in the Greenwood Trust (GT) instead of GLCDC, as the leaders of the GT will be from the community.



- e. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Vice Chair Wilson asked when the vote will take place, and Councilor Hall-Harper shared she don't know as they don't communicate
 - ii. Commissioner Mason: Will GLCDC exist in perpetuity?
 - 1. Councilor Hall-Harper: Yes, it is designed that way. Reiterated that she does not have any issues with the KHGMP, as the community was very well engaged. Can look up the plan online.
 - 2. Vice Chair Wilson noted the problem is with the lack of transparency in the process of establishing GLCDC.
 - iii. Commissioner Monday: Who are the five board members who are already selected?
 - 1. Councilor Hall-Harper: Lana Turner-Addison, Eugene Harris, Daquet Wilson, and two others.
 - 2. Councilor Hall-Harper had previously proposed electing board members. Tulsa could be unique in approaching CDC leadership in this way.
 - iv. Commissioner Monday asked if the GLCDC meetings are public, and Councilor Hall-Harper said they are invite only.
 - v. Commissioner Mason: What was the rationale behind from excluding any City Councilor from the board?
 - 1. Councilor Hall-Harper: PartnerTulsa says they don't want GLCDC to be political.
 - vi. Vice Chair Wilson: What has been the city's response to you sounding the alarm?
 - 1. Councilor Hall-Harper has made Mayor Nichols aware of her concerns, but she's not asking or demanding he take a position as he wasn't in office when it was established. She shared that Mayor Nichols validated her concerns, but it's her job as the District 1 elected official to let the community know. Need the community to stand up
 - vii. Commissioner Mason raised concerns that if this isn't addressed now, they will be locked out of options.
 - viii. Commissioner Mayes commended Councilor Hall-Harper and noted that knowledge is power. Her sharing empowers BAC. He appreciates her putting best interest of Greenwood and Tulsa first. Vernon AME is directly affected by this as it's in the heart of Greenwood and their property is next to this land.
 - ix. Commissioner Monday clarified what the potential actions are today, asked for those invited to future closed meetings to share with BAC.
- f. Commissioner Monday made a motion to add Beyond Apology Commission as a signature on Councilor Hall-Harper's letter, Chairwoman Williams seconded.
 - i. Aye: 11
 - 1. Commissioner Damali Wilson left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, Beyond Apology Commission will be added to Councilor Hall-Harper's letter.
- g. Commissioner Monday asked about the CDBG grant, discussion ensued about the separation of the grant process from what's being discussed.



- h. Chairwoman Williams passed out a timeline outlining the history of this issue.
 - i. Commissioner Taylor: Land is where white supremacy lives. People who take advantage continue to take from the pot. He thinks we are on the right track in terms of how land and land trusts work. Going to bring this to the 1256 Board and encourages other commissioners to reach out to their organizations.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper noted there is no deadline to sign onto the letter because she don't know when the land transfer will be put on the agenda for Tulsa Development Authority to discuss.
 - ii. Commissioner Mason noted the importance of abstracting.
- VI. Commissioner Travel Request: FirstRepair National Symposium (12/3-5/2025)**
- a. Deputy Mayor Reyes is working on this.
- VII. Old Business**
- a. Chairwoman Williams noted BAC will use Beyond Apology's Facebook page that's under Standpipe Hill, excited to keep community aware through this. Send her reports and other information to post.
- VIII. New Business**
- a. Commissioner Monday: Will it be up to the committees if BAC applies for CDBG funds?
 - i. Chairwoman Williams: Yes, all committee work will funnel up to BAC. Will want to coordinate to have one comprehensive grant application that reflects all committees' work.
- IX. Announcements / Public Comments**
- a. Black History Saturdays has expanded into Greenwood for adult Black History classes: Third Monday of each month at 6pm at Faith Hall (Vernon AME).
 - b. Butterfly AEffect Syndicate Back to School Event (8/16, 10 – 2): showcasing little-known community resources and quality childcare providers; giving away backpacks, uniforms, and infant supplies
 - c. Block Builderz Community Resource Event (8/16 at noon): Oklahoma Promise signups, uniforms and other clothes giveaway
- X. Adjournment**
- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper made a motion, Commissioner Mason seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 10
 - a. Vice Chair Wilson and Commissioner Damali Wilson left the meeting prior to the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:21 pm.

Beyond Apology Commission - Committee Assignments

Housing:

- Kristi Williams
- Greg Robinson

Education:

- Corinice Wilson
- Therese Aduni
- Mattece Mason
- Taylor West
- Jackie Evans

Health & Wellness:

- D'Marria Monday
- Damali Wilson

Community & Economic Development + Land:

- Greg Taylor
- D'Marria Monday
- Damali Wilson
- Greg Robinson

Systems Change + Financial Compensation:

- Kristi Williams
- D'Marria Monday
- Taylor West
- Keith Mayes

Cultural Identity:

- Kristi Williams
- Phil Armstrong

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Foundational Pre-Work for All Committees:

1. Review your committee's mission and scope within the Beyond Apology Commission.
2. Gather and review relevant documents, past reports, and community feedback related to your committee's focus area.
3. Identify 2-3 key issues or priorities to bring to the first meeting.
4. Familiarize yourself with the history of reparations and policy frameworks connected to your focus area.
5. Be prepared to share any networks, resources, or partners who could support the committee's work.

Committee-Specific Pre-Work:

Housing Committee:

- Review current housing initiatives and resources in Tulsa, especially those targeting descendants of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre.
- Identify potential barriers descendants face in accessing housing opportunities.
- Draft initial ideas for reparations-linked housing programs.
- Begin to build an application process for Housing that descendants will fill out.
- Research examples of descendant-focused housing programs in other cities.

Community & Economic Development + Land Committee:

- Map current land ownership in Greenwood and North Tulsa.
- Review the Greenwood/Kirkpatrick Heights Master Plan and identify gaps in land return or economic development for descendants.
- Prepare questions for city agencies or organizations managing economic development funds.
- Identify potential partners for land acquisition, restoration, and business development.

Education Committee:

- Review Tulsa Public Schools curriculum related to Black history and the 1921 Tulsa Race

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- Gather examples of community-led education initiatives nationwide.
- Identify potential partnerships with HBCUs, local schools, and cultural institutions.
- Develop ideas for educational reparations programs for descendants.

Health & Wellness Committee:

- Review public health data for North Tulsa and identify key disparities.
- Gather examples of health-related reparations or restorative justice programs.
- Identify mental health resources and culturally competent care providers in the area.
- Explore partnerships with local clinics and wellness organizations.

Systems Change & Financial Compensation Committee:

- Review policies and systems that continue to create inequities in Tulsa.
- Identify key leverage points for systemic reform.
- Gather examples of direct financial compensation programs in other reparations initiatives.
- Prepare a preliminary list of policy changes to recommend for adoption.

Cultural Identity Committee:

- Identify cultural assets in Greenwood and North Tulsa that need preservation or investment.
- Gather examples of cultural restoration efforts linked to reparations.
- Develop ideas for arts, heritage, and cultural programming that honors descendants.
- Map potential funding sources for cultural initiatives.



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | September 19, 2025 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Mattece Mason, Keith Mayes, Krystal Reyes

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Dion'trae Hayes

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:05 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 August meeting minutes.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper made a motion, Commissioner Damali Wilson seconded.
 1. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, August meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams shared that there was a town hall meeting on Monday about the Kirkpatrick-Greenwood Master Plan. Reminded commission that in August, BAC voted to support Councilwoman's position on the Greenwood Legacy CDC. Working to address community's feelings of exclusion in the process.
 - i. Commissioner Evans: Was it a success?
 - ii. Councilor Hall-Harper: Yes, raising awareness in the community is always good. Going to plan more ways to keep the community engaged.
- V. Presentation from Chairwoman Williams: Strengthening Our Committees: Tools for Success**
 - a. Want commissioners to have the tools they need when inviting community members to join committees.
 - i. Quote from Ella Baker: "Strong people don't need strong leaders."
 - ii. Leadership is shared power, not control.
 - iii. Centering community is important.
 - b. Why community matters:
 - i. Community birthed the Beyond Apology Report. Chairwoman Williams encouraged commissioners to refamiliarize themselves with the report.
 - ii. BAC wouldn't be here if it wasn't for the community.
 - iii. Community involvement brings credibility and trust to the commission.



- iv. Community trusted BAC with their vision, commissioners must trust them with their power.
- c. Committees will be the engine of BAC to get work done. Can't wait until the Greenwood Trust is up and running, must begin working in committees now.
- d. Commissioners are not just leaders, they are organizers connecting systems and community voices.
- e. Chairwoman Williams doesn't want committees to elect a chair until community has been seated on committees.
- f. Commissioner roles in committees:
 - i. Convenor: Create a welcoming, safe space.
 - ii. Learner: Listen deeply to community expertise.
 - iii. Bridge Builder: Connect government systems to grassroots voices.
 - iv. Accountable: Ensure transparency and follow-through.
- g. Chairwoman Williams distributed and reviewed committee pre-work document (Appendix 1), a power mapping document, and a committee work timeline (Appendix 2).
- h. Commission Discussion:
 - i. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson: How does this fit into the report we have to submit to Mayor Nichols on an annual basis? Asked for clarification that recommendations come from committees to BAC, then are recommended to Mayor Nichols. Chairwoman Williams confirmed this will be the process.
 - ii. Chairwoman Williams: Will have one big community meeting to report what BAC has been working on and offer a way to join committees.
 - 1. Commissioner Armstrong: Do we have the date, time, and location for the community meeting? It will help all commissioners to attend if they have advanced notice.
 - 2. Chairwoman Williams: Most likely will take place in the evening at Vernon. Will get back with commission with a couple dates to consider.
 - iii. Vice Chair Wilson asked if it is possible to expand the community window since it's currently slated close to Thanksgiving. Proposed that the window could expand into earlier November.
 - 1. Commissioner Armstrong noted that because of commissioners' varying schedules, the more we can be intentional about setting dates and sticking to them is very helpful. Don't want anyone's lack of attendance to be misinterpreted as disengaged. As much as possible, would like to have dates set well in advance.
 - 2. Commissioner Williams agreed the schedule can be adjusted.
 - iv. Commissioner Armstrong asked a clarifying question about the timing of the community meeting and deciding on the committee chair and co-chair roles. Chairwoman Williams clarified that committees should define what the roles will be, not who is in the role, by October 17.
 - 1. Commissioner Armstrong worried about work being disjointed if each committee defines roles differently. Could be helpful to have that be uniform across the committees.
 - 2. Chairwoman Williams shared she cares most about results and having strong reports at commission meetings. Happy to provide a standard role description that all committees will use.
 - v. Commissioner Armstrong asked questions about meeting venue, time, and restrictions. Lexi clarified that committees are not subject to the Open Meetings Act, as no committee



meeting will have a quorum of commissioners present. Therefore, committee meetings do not require prior public notice and can take place anywhere, including virtually.

1. Chairwoman Williams would prefer the first committee meeting is in person.
- vi. Commissioner Monday confirmed that between now and October, the commissioners on each committee will get together. Pre-work is to look at the Beyond Apology Report and build off objectives from that report, then begin drafting items to bring to the community. Community members on committees will then help finalize.
- i. Commissioner Evans asked if the goal for the Greenwood Trust is still to have funds and be ready to distribute to the community by the end of 2026. Chairwoman Williams confirmed that is still the goal.
- j. Vice Chair Wilson shared that the Education Committee met and submitted a report. Commissioner Monday expressed her gratitude for the Education Committee setting the example.
- k. Commissioner Taylor noted that Cherokee Nation is on the power map and their tribal boundaries overlays all of North Tulsa. What is your experience with that relationship?
 - i. Chairwoman Williams thinks this is a great opportunity to work with the Cherokee Nation, as the tribe recognizes freedmen as tribal citizens.
- l. Chairwoman Williams knows commissioners will be excellent stewards of this work.

VI. Committee Reports – no reports

VII. Old Business

- a. Vice Chair Wilson asked for an update about the Reparations Conference in Evanston, and Lexi responded that she will follow up with Deputy Mayor Reyes to learn the current status of available funds for commissioners to attend.

VIII. New Business – no new business

IX. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Senior Poets Celebration tonight (7 pm) at Tulsa Fringe Festival at Dennis R Neill Equality Center.
- b. Vice Chair Wilson thanked commissioners who came to her event at Greenwood Rising.
- c. Black Contractors Association meeting (September 23).
- d. Councilor Hall-Harper has done an amazing job with Expungement Expos. There are 500+ people in Tulsa whose records have been expunged. Next expo is November 1.
- e. Butterfly AEffect Syndicate is having an event on November 1 as well.
- f. Re-Entry Simulation hosted by Tulsa Community College at Boston Avenue Methodist Church.
- g. Block Builderz: Community Centered Healing (October 9 at Generation of Destiny)

X. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Armstrong made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 1. Aye: 10
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.

Beyond Apology Commission: Commissioner Pre-Work Handout

The purpose of this pre-work is to prepare draft committee purposes, partner organizations, and role outlines before the October Commission meeting. These drafts will serve as starting points for discussion and will be finalized with community members in November.

Pre-Work Task	Details / Notes
Read Report	Review the Beyond Apology Report sections related to your committee.
Homework Worksheet	Complete stakeholder mapping, needs list, and possible partners.
Draft Purpose Statement	Write a 1–2 sentence statement of purpose for your committee.
Identify Partners	List at least 3–5 organizations or partners your committee should connect with.
Outline Roles	Propose chair/co-chair models, recorder, and liaison roles.

Due Date: All drafts must be ready to present at the October Commission Meeting (3rd Friday in October).

Reminder: These drafts are not final. They are working documents and will be revised and finalized with community input during the November joint Commission + Community meeting.

Beyond Apology Commission: Committee Work Plan & Timeline

Goal

Committees complete internal pre-work by the next Commission meeting (3rd Friday in October). Community members officially invited and seated at a joint Commission + Community meeting in mid-November 2025.

1. September – Early October (Now until Oct 15): Commissioner Pre-Work

- Review Beyond Apology Report recommendations.
- Complete homework: map stakeholders, identify partner orgs, draft starting committee purposes.
- Agree on possible chair/co-chair models (co-chair, elected, commissioner + community pairing).

2. Mid-October (By 3rd Friday, Oct 17, 2025): Committees Report Back

- Each committee submits:
 - Draft purpose statement.
 - List of suggested community partners/organizations.
 - Outline of needed roles (chair, recorder, liaison).
- Commissioners present drafts at the October Commission Meeting.
- Drafts are working documents — not final until community weighs in.

3. Mid-November (Target: Nov 14–21, 2025): Community + Commission Joint Meeting

- Public event to introduce committees.
- Share committee drafts with the community.
- Invite community members to join and immediately begin participation.
- Revise committee purposes with community input.
- Formally seat community members and confirm next steps.
- Message: “Committees are now open — community is at the table.”

At a Glance Timeline

Timeline	Milestone
Now – Oct 15	Commissioner homework + prep
Oct 17 (3rd Friday)	Committees present drafts at Commission Meeting
Mid-November	Joint Community + Commission meeting → committees open



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | October 17, 2025 | 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, Keith Mayes, D'Marria Monday, Krystal Reyes, Greg Taylor, Taylor West, Kristi Williams, Corinice Wilson

Commissioners Present Virtually: Damali Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Phil Armstrong

City of Tulsa Staff Present: Lexi Bollis, Kyra Carby

- I. Call to Order**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm.
- II. Ancestral Acknowledgement**
 - a. Commissioner Aduni led the Ancestral Acknowledgement.
 - b. Commissioner Monday arrived at 1:07 pm.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the September meeting minutes.
 - i. Councilor Hall-Harper made a motion, Commissioner Evans seconded.
 1. Aye: 11, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (Deputy Mayor Reyes)
 - ii. Motion carried, September meeting minutes approved.
- IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report**
 - a. Chairwoman Williams does not have Chair Report.
 - b. Tulsa Public Schools Community Conversations
 - i. Vice Chair Corinice Wilson shared about her conversation Emilee Taylor, Executive Director of Strategy and Data at Tulsa Public Schools (TPS), who wanted to involve the community in TPS's next strategic planning process. They discussed the rate of students going to college, suspensions, and disciplinary rates. Vice Chair Wilson wants to invite Emilee to speak at a future meeting.
 1. Councilor Hall-Harper asked about community meetings. Vice Chair Wilson clarified that TPS has held one meeting and will hold four more. Want to support when they host a meeting in north Tulsa.
 2. Commissioner Monday added that there's intersection with the Systems Change Committee.



V. Discussion: November Community Meeting

- a. Chairwoman Williams doesn't want BAC to be empty handed at the first community meeting. Would like to have a community meeting at Historic Vernon A.M.E. Church before the end of the year.
- b. Chairwoman Williams is pleased that the Education Committee met and provided a thorough report. Shouted out Commissioner Aduni for her leadership at the committee meeting.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Education
 - i. Several commissioners serving on the Education Committee reflected on the great experience they had at their monthly meeting.
 - ii. Vice Chair Wilson noted that there are important areas of focus within the committee, including early childhood, K – 12, college, and career tech.
 - iii. Commissioner West noted BAC has to meet students where they are.
- b. Community, Economic, and Land Development
 - i. Commissioner Monday passed out a committee update and reviewed with the commission.
 - ii. The drafted committee purpose statement for committee reflects the urgency of Tulsa's housing crisis.
 - iii. Commissioners discussed folks they have reached out to with the goal of collaborating.
 - iv. Commissioner Damali Wilson noted it will be helpful to have a login to the land records system, so Deputy Mayor Reyes and Lexi will find out if the City has a login. Commissioner Mason has a contact who has access and might be willing to share.
 - v. Chairwoman Williams recognized this committee for the handout and work they delivered.
- c. Housing – no report
- d. Health and Wellness
 - i. Commissioner Monday noted the committee didn't meet, but Block Builderz hosted an event that intersected with this issue. Offered to tie in Block Builderz's work into BAC.
- e. Systems Change and Financial Compensation – no report
- f. Cultural Identity – no report

VII. Old Business

- a. National Symposium for State and Local Reparations – Travel Opportunity Update
 - i. Chairwoman Williams shared that the City has identified funds for three commissioners to attend. Her travel is covered, as is Councilor Hall-Harper's.
 - ii. Commissioner Mayes thanked Mayor Nichols and Deputy Mayor Reyes for finding these funds, last year's conference was very empowering, eye-opening, and impactful. Humbly requesting to continue working to try to identify more funds.
 - iii. Deputy Mayor Reyes said the Mayor's Office is glad to allocate the funds.



- iv. Councilor Hall-Harper suggested reaching out to organizations that could donate. Commissioner Aduni added that churches might sponsor.
- v. Commissioners Mason and Taylor noted they will not be able to attend the conference this year. Commissioner Taylor shared that Commissioner Armstrong told him he's not available either.

VIII. New Business

- a. Mass Graves Investigation Update
 - i. Discussion ensued about the volunteer opportunity and upcoming genealogy workshop with the City.
- b. Chairwoman Williams shared she would like to see BAC support Creek Freedmen. Proposes issuing a resolution supporting Freedmen.
 - i. Commissioner Mason noted that supporting Creek Freedmen is part of reparations to formerly enslaved people. It makes sense for BAC to partner on this issue, especially with the mayoral administration doing such great work partnering with tribal nations.
 - ii. Commissioner Monday noted that there can't be reparations without systems changes, this may fall under the Systems Change Committee.
 - iii. Councilor Hall-Harper clarified that a resolution is simply a statement and has no legal weight. City government does not have jurisdiction over tribal affairs as sovereign nations.
 - iv. Vice Chair Wilson sees this as an opportunity for solidarity.
 - v. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to support writing a resolution.
 - 1. Commissioner Aduni motioned, Commissioner Evans seconded.
 - a. Aye: 12, Nay: 0
 - 2. Motion carried, BAC will supports writing a resolution.

IX. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Reminder about Tulsa Expungement Expo on November 1 from 10 – 2 at the 36th Street Event Center.
- b. Butterfly Affect Syndicate will be awarding Councilor Hall-Harper on at their event on November 1.
- c. Black Educator Excellence Awards on October 28, 6pm, at City Council Chambers
- d. Deputy Mayor Reyes exited the meeting at 2:09 pm.

X. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.
 - i. Commissioner Mason made a motion, Vice Chair Wilson seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 11
 - a. Deputy Mayor Reyes was not present for the motion.
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm.



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.