



Beyond Apology Commission

Regular Meeting | June 26, 2026 | 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | Room 10 North

Meeting Minutes

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

Commissioners Present Virtually: Corinice Wilson

Commissioners Absent: Phil Armstrong, Keith Mayes, Taylor West, Damali Wilson

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

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Williams called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. A quorum was not yet present.

II. Ancestral Acknowledgement

- a. Commissioner Aduni led the Ancestral Acknowledgement.
- b. Commissioner Taylor arrived at 1:06 pm. The commission was at quorum.
- c. Councilor Hall-Harper arrived at 1:07 pm.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to approve the May meeting minutes.
 - i. Vice Chair Mason motioned, Commissioner Evans seconded.
 1. Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1 (Deputy Mayor Reyes)
 - a. Commissioner Monday was not yet present in the meeting.
 - ii. Motion carried, May meeting minutes approved.

IV. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Williams thanked commissioners for their continued work and dedication.
- b. Chairwoman Williams is continuing work on establishing a policy outlining how Black artifacts and remains will be handled. She is partnering with Black archeologists in New York doing similar work. Submitted a drafted ordinance to Councilor Hall-Harper and Mayor Nichols. It is intended to be a reparative ordinance, not a punitive one, with the goal of establishing consistent procedures to maintain dignity and center descendent voices. Looking forward to continued dialogue with the City of Tulsa.
 - i. Vice Chair Mason remarked she would like to designate a quadrant in which work immediately stops in the event a developer encounters anything that is not dirt, work immediately stops. It's a privilege to build on this land.



- ii. Commissioner Taylor raised the need to prepare for pushback from developers.
- iii. Councilor Hall-Harper referenced development of BMX and Langston-Tulsa's expansion as examples of when a firm was contracted by the City to handle artifacts when they were discovered.
- c. Chairwoman Williams wants to begin planning for the 2027 Tulsa Reparations Summit and encouraged committees to help coordinate speakers.
- d. Chairwoman Williams would like to start a book discussion of *Tulsa Speaks*. Commissioners should let Chairwoman Williams know if they are interested in participating.
- e. Commissioner Monday arrived at 1:25 pm.
- f. Greenwood Trust update: Two commissioners are serving on the Advisory Board, Commissioners Damali Wilson and Armstrong.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Housing – no report
- b. Education
 - i. Commissioner Aduni reported that the committee discussed a program Dr. Curtis is spearheading with the City and 211 of Eastern Oklahoma/Tulsa Area United Way about a resource hub app that combines City resources into 211.
- c. Health and Wellness
 - i. Commissioner Monday shared that the committee elected officers.
 - 1. Chair: Commissioner Damali Wilson
 - 2. Vice Chair: Tomika Gray
 - 3. Secretary: Commissioner Monday
 - ii. The committee is looking to partner with Crossover, which offers several wellness initiatives.
- d. Community, Economic, and Land Development
 - i. Commissioner Monday: The committee is meeting consistently, focused on identifying land and researching.
 - ii. Commissioner Taylor shared committee members' names: Commissioners Monday, Taylor, and Damali Wilson alongside community members Tim Netwon, Carlos Moreno, Deuce Tisdale, Chukwuso Oputa, and Kemi Adetula.
- e. Systems Change and Financial Compensation
 - i. Covered in Chair Report
- f. Cultural Identity
 - i. Chairwoman Williams met with Oklahoma State Representative Ronald Stuart about state law passed in Illinois paying for ancestry DNA kits for Black residents. Discussed proposing this law in Oklahoma or Tulsa.

VI. Old Business – no old business

VII. New Business – no new business

VIII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Title V and Beyond Apology Commissions Retreat on July 24



- i. Vice Chair Mason invited commissioners to provide input on BAC's presentation topic about leadership.
- b. TYPROS Pub Club and Commissions Meet & Greet on July 21: Lexi encouraged commissioners to volunteer to meet with young professionals. Commissioner Corinice Wilson volunteered.
- c. Equality Indicators Report Launch event on July 7
 - i. Commissioner Monday noted the Justice theme is the lowest it's ever been, which presents an opportunity to center BAC's work.
- d. Commissioner Monday asked a question about the Emmett Till Grant ending. Dion'trae clarified that the Emmett Till Grant sunsets September 30 and there are still pieces in motion to improve outcomes. It is on her list to convene community leaders and identify resources that will fill gaps. No increase in DRE budget to supplement what we're losing due to the grant ending.
- e. Public Comments:
 - i. DJ Mercer: Justice for Greenwood is in a planning phase, will invite BAC once plans are formulated. Working with descendants of Black Creeks.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman Williams entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Commissioner Evans motioned, Commissioner Monday seconded.
 - 1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0
 - ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:54 pm.