

THE EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD



Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024

6:00 PM

Grace Knight Conference Room

County Administrative Building

12 S.E. 1st Street, 2nd Floor

Gainesville, FL, 32601

EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD

Kali Blount

Yvette Carter

Gerie Crawford

Nkwanda Jah

Alena Lawson Bennett

Ronald Rawls

Diane Dimperio

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Ronald Rawls, Diane Dimperio, Yvette Carter, Gerie Crawford, Nkwanda Jah, Kali Blount, Tara Richardson (alternate)

Members absent: Alana Lawson-Bennett

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Each member of the EAB--particularly those not in attendance at the first meeting, introduced themselves. Staff members Triston Jefferson and Carl Smart Sr. introduced themselves.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Yvette Carter motioned to adopt with the addition of Kali Blount's name to the Equity Advisory Board and the correction of Tara Richardson as an alternate member. The motion was seconded by Gerie Crawford with unanimous approval; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Rawls motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gerie Crawford with unanimous approval; motion carried.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Kali Blount motioned to elect Ron Rawls as Chair. The motion was seconded by Yvette Carter with unanimous approval; motion carried.

Yvette Carter motioned to elect Gerie Crawford as Co-Chair. The motion was seconded by Kali Blount with unanimous approval; motion carried.

OVERVIEW OF ALACHUA COUNTY GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES, AND DEPARTMENTAL STRUCTURES

Dr. Houchen, with the assistance of Margo Duval, presented an overview of Alachua County governing documents, performance outcomes and departmental structures.

WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

The board discussed their workplan for the current year. The consensus was to align the EAB's work with the equity audit of the comprehensive plan and continue to orient the Board with the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners organization, departments, and divisions. Dr. Houchen was tasked to bring to the next meeting a copy of the equity audit tool for the EAB's review as well as a plan for orienting the EAB to the organization.

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MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Diane Dimperio noted an article in The Gainesville Sun regarding a grant awarded that focused on equity on the Eastside of Gainesville. Member Dimperio was seeking more information about this effort. Kali Blount announced a jazz concert at Cypress and Grove Brewing Company.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 21 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Equity Advisory Board is March 21, 2024.