

THE EQUITY ADVISORY BOARD



Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2024

Grace Knight Conference Room
County Administrative Building
12 S.E. 1st Street, 2nd Floor
Gainesville, FL, 32601

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Ron Rawls
Gerie Crawford
Alana Lawson Bennett
Kali Blount, RN
Yvette Carter
Diane Dimperio
Nkwanda Jah
Tara Richardson: Alternate

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

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

Members absent: Alena Lawson Bennett, Nkwanda Jah, Yvette Carter

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Gerie Crawford motioned to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Diane Dimperio with unanimous approval; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Diane Dimperio motioned to adopt the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Kali Blount with unanimous approval; motion carried.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION PROCESS

The Equity Advisory Board accepted the orientation plan as proposed. Kali Blount noted that the EAB could offer invitations to those that the County collaborates with, notably the School Board of Alachua County, The City of Gainesville and the Children's Trust.

OVERVIEW OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ben Chumley presented an overview of the comprehensive plan process and contents.

EQUITY AUDIT TOOL DISCUSSION

Diedre Houchen presented the draft equity audit tool. Several members of the EAB offered initial thoughts on the tool. The discussion included how can the EAB support engagement on the equity audit tool, particularly for unincorporated areas of the County. Kali Blount suggested language related to the Housing element of the audit tool. At the April meeting, the EAB will bring back any constructive criticism, additional questions, or questions.

An additional discussion ensued related to how the Equity Advisory Board might converse with the Board of County Commissioners on topics that might come before the Board that are related to equity. The Chair of the EAB welcomed members to become aware of issues of interest that may rise to the level of the Board of County Commissioners and bring those issues to meetings.

WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

The Equity Advisory Board will be presenting its workplan to the Board of County Commissioners on May 14, 2024. This year's workplan will consist of the departmental orientation process and the equity audit of the comprehensive plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

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MEMBER'S COMMENTS

Members provided information on various service efforts within the community.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7: 35 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Equity Advisory Board is April 18, 2024, 6:00, Grace Knight Conference Room.