



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
53202

Meeting Minutes

BLACK MALE ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

**MAYOR TOM BARRETT and ALD. ASHANTI HAMILTON,
CO-CHAIRS**

**Spencer Coggs, David C. Crowley, James Ferguson, Ellen
Gilligan, Torre Johnson, Larry Miller, Inspector Willie Murphy,
Shannon Reed, Ramona Sledge, Christopher Walton, Jr.,
Rashaad Washington, Jamaal Smith, Chytania Brown, and
Kalan Haywood**

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Thursday, October 15, 2020

10:00 AM

Virtual Meeting

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1. Call to Order

The meeting convened at 10:09 AM

2. Roll Call

*Ray Banks
Chytania Brown replacing Robert Cherry
Rep Haywood replacing David Crowley*

Present 11 - Barrett, Coggs, Davidson, Reed, Gilligan, Olivier, Sledge, Walton, Ferguson II, Murphy and Hamilton

Excused 5 - Crowley, Gant, Johnson, Miller and Washington

3. Review and approval of January 30th meeting minutes.

Shannon Reed moved approval, seconded by Ray Banks. There were no objections.

4. Update on the City of Milwaukee Office of African American Affairs.

Sharon Robinson, Director of Administration stated the facility is a one-stop shop service model that houses government agencies and nonprofits. She added that they are ready to launch the office and they will begin taking appointments. She stated there will be employment agencies, county child support division, Election Commission, Equal Rights Commission, and state Equal Rights Division. She stated that people who want to tour the facility should contact her.

5. Contract information from Steve Mahan.

Steve Mahan stated MATC was awarded \$150,000 for an enrollment hub, the ALMA Center was awarded \$75,000 for trauma related needs, the Youth Justice Mobile Resource Center operated by Urban Underground was awarded money, the Center for Self-Sufficiency was awarded \$35,000 for data jamming of the BMAAC grantees, and the Office of African American Affairs was awarded \$100,000 for operations. Darryl Davidson stated all of the agencies were affected by COVID-19 and are offering services virtually.

6. Boys and Men of Color Week (October 19th to October 24th) Announcement.

Darryl Davidson stated previously this event was in-person and addressing inequities and promoting positive images. He stated this years theme is Black Lives Matter the Intersection of Injustices. He added there will be 2-4 hours of virtual activities on Zoom, Facebook, and YouTube daily. He stated the Milwaukee Film Festival Black Lens will participate in programming. He added that information will be available online.

7. Report from Mayor Tom Barrett's Budget and Racial Justice and Equity Stakeholders meeting.

Sharon Robinson stated the City will now have an Equity Inclusion Officer running the Office of Equity and Inclusion. She added that there will be a Racial Equity Inclusion Team who will implement strategies and have trainings about inclusion, diversity, and unlearning racism. She stated the 3 focuses will be accountability, access, and alliances.

8. Public Comments.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

*The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.
Molly Kuether-Steele
Staff Assistant*

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