



**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
*OF THE*  
**CULTURE AND DIVERSITY CITIZENS ACTION COMMISSION**  
*Minutes from October 26, 2021*

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The October 26, 2021, meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm by the committee chair, Jean Newby.

**2. Roll Call**

Members Present: Dr. Fred Aikens, Jean Newby present. Mia Honaker excused due to illness.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Fred Aikens made a motion to adopt the agenda for the October 26, 2021, meeting of the Education Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Review of Minutes**

The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting on September 22, 2021. The minutes were mailed out prior to the start of the October meeting for review only. There was one correction on the date of the meeting. For review only.

**5. Old Business**

A. October 13<sup>th</sup> forum “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” There was good turnout and 225 views on the page reviewing the forum. There were 39 people present. Jean thanked the members of the committee and commission for attending. She thanked the members of the Council who were present and participated in the discussion. Thanks were also extended to the presenters who provided some information. Ms. Newby asked about the information that was sent to the Council after the meeting. The Committee will follow up with the Commission so that a concerted effort can be made to involve the city and Council member. Checks were mailed to the panelist on October 25, 2021. Ms. Newby will follow up to make sure that the speakers received the checks.

**6. New Business**

A. Recap/Lessons Learned from October 13, 2021, Forum. Next time we use the Community Center, check the temperature prior to the event. Good to see the engagement from City Council member. Prepare the Council for the conversations more in advance although the interaction was good.

B. Update on Status of Education/Reform Committee Forum. Eric Stephens sent the Chief of HHPD a request for a public forum. January, first or second week there are no conflicts. The Education and Reform Committees need to solidify a date and communicate with the Chief. Jean will initiate an email thread to establish the communication. The intent is to have a date solidified by the Commission Meeting on November 4, 2021. We can work out the

details for adding additional representatives from other jurisdictions. Tentative date is Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The program will begin 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

**C. Projected Dates for 2022 Education Forums.**

1. The first proposed forum is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, for the Policing and Public Safety Forum.

2. The second topic (continuation) Racism as a Public Health Crisis – Part 2. This forum will address the psychological, social, and mental issues resulting from racism. The target date will fall between June 20-24, 2022.

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m. Next meeting date is Tuesday, November 23, at 6:30 pm (EST).

***Minutes captured and recorded by Dr. Fred Aikens***