

# CITY OF SALEM RACE EQUITY COMMISSION

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## MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Salem Race Equity Commission (REC) will be held **on Thursday, June 20, at 5:30 p.m.** via remote participation in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Act of 2022. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so on matters not requiring a public hearing, we will post on the City of Salem's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Meetings of the REC take place on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

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## **CITY ORDINANCE**

Sec.2-1032 of the City of Salem Ordinance relating to the Race Equity Commission states as follows:

There is hereby established a race equity commission for the purpose of:

1. Implementing elements of the city's race equity action plan and updating said plan periodically as necessary;

- 2. Advising departments and city officials on strategies and approaches to ensure municipal programs, policies, budgets, and ordinances are developed in a manner that avoid and reduce systemic racism and bias;
- 3. Developing and recommending initiatives, programs, and policies intended to reduce systemic racism and bias in Salem;
- 4. Designing and conducting hiring and recruitment programs and advise on employee training and retention programs to increase diversity and cultural competency of city staff;
- 5. Supporting and guiding community organizations, employers, associations, nonprofits, agencies, businesses, and others in methods by which they can help reduce systemic racism and improve racial equity in Salem; and
- 6. Seeking grants and other sources of support and resources to carry out the Commission's work.

### **AGENDA**

1. Roll Call

Alphonse Wright
Shantel Alix
Rosa Alvarado
Nicole McLaughlin
Paola Miranda
Tara Dhanraj Roden
Alexandra Ramos
Kenzie Chin

City of Salem Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director: Regina Zaragoza Frey Chief of Police: Lucas Miller City of Salem Human Resources Director: Lisa Cammarata Salem Public Schools Superintendent: Dr.

Stephen Zrike City Council Liaison: Jeff Cohen

- 2. Approve previous meeting minutes.
  - a. April meeting minutes.
- 3. Public Comment.
- 4. Presentation/discussion with Flora Tonthat regarding the City Seal.
- 5. Discussion regarding the City Seal.
  - a. Any vote regarding this matter is expected during the REC meeting on July 11, 2024.
- 6. Chief of Police Lucas Miller's update on graffiti crime from the week of May 27th.
- 7. Update regarding Discrimination Reporting Form reports.
  - a. Sent all reports to commission members for their review per REC's request.
  - b. Discussion on an actionable Discrimination Reporting Form.
- 8. Follow up discussion on the Chief's update regarding public safety and the Race Equity Task Force Report.
- 9. Safe Streets for All Action Plan with the Parking and Traffic Department. Request for REC to participate in ongoing meetings.
- 10. North Shore Juneteenth Flag Raising on June 18, 2024.
- 11. Invitation to panel hosted by Salem United and North Shore Juneteenth on Friday, June 21 at 6:30pm.

#### 12. New business.

- a. Discussion regarding creating a central repository of resources for the public.
- b. Discussion regarding Race Equity Task Force report.
  - i. Update on Education section by Laura Assade and Superintendent Zrike.

## 13. Adjournment.