

City of Hyattsville
Race & Equity Task Force Committee Meeting Minutes
February 24th, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

PARTICIPANTS:

TASK FORCE MEMBERS:

Co-Chair Daniel Amador Renard (DA)
Member Jessica Garth (JG)
Member Christopher Koya (CK)

STAFF:

Race & Equity Officer Shakira Louimarre (SL)
Council Member Kelson Nisbett (CM KN)

7:05 pm - Welcome & Call to Order – Co-chair Amador Renard

7:05 pm - 7:05 pm – Roll Call – Co-chair Amador Renard

7:05 pm - 7:05 pm – Acknowledgement of Guests and Public Comment – Co-chair Amador Renard

Journalist, Michelle Murphys

7:05 pm – 7:25 pm – Discussion of Documentary Screening – Co-chair Amador Renard

Topic 1: Film Screening

Film: Religion, Race, and Reconciliation

- Discussion held regarding a potential partnership with the filmmaker.
- Co-Chair Renard to reach out to Adam (filmmaker) to explore partnership opportunities.
- Task Force to request funds from the discretionary budget for this initiative.
- Partnership structure to be explored as an In-Kind Partnership.
- Communications Department to be involved in announcing the partnership publicly
 - Action Item: All RETF members to independently review the film prior to next meeting.
 - Action Item: RETF to explore serving as panelists for a "Community Conversations" event tied to the film.

7:25 pm – 7:31 pm – Template & Council Meeting Portal Review

- The RETF meeting template was reviewed for updates.
- The RETF meeting portal/website was reviewed.
- Co-Chairs agreed to become more actively involved and more visible to City Council members to solicit their opinions and feedback.
 - Action Item: Review of the RETF Google Drive to be scheduled for next meeting to onboard new members.

7:31 pm – 8:11 pm – Council Member Engagement

- Discussed inviting Council members to speak on their current motions and priorities.
- Affordable Housing (FY2028) was identified as a priority topic requiring additional time and continued development.
- Council Member Danny Schaible to be invited to provide more details on affordable housing initiatives.
 - Action Item: Co-Chair to reach out to Council Member Schaible to schedule his appearance.
 - Action Item: Co-Chair to identify and reach out to alternative Council members for future meetings.
 - Action Item: Council Member Nisbett (guest) to be followed up with as a resource.
 - Action Item: Co-Chair to contact the Clerk's Office for procedural advice and guidance.

8:15 pm – Meeting Rescheduling– Co-chair Amador Renard

- The March 24, 2026 RETF meeting may need to be rescheduled.

8:30 pm – Adjourn Meeting – Co-chair Amador Renard

- All in favor.

