



Minutes for the August 9, 2021 Meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission

A duly noticed public meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission was held in person at 1 Centre Street, New York, NY, 10007, with videoconference (for Commissioners only) and an Internet livestream for remote public viewing at 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021.

The Chair, Jennifer Jones Austin, was present and presided. Also present were the following Commissioners:

- Henry Garrido, Vice Chair (joined in-person at 4:31pm)
- K. Bain
- Lurie Daniel Favors
- Chris Kui
- Phil Thompson
- Jo-Ann Yoo

Commissioner Fred Davie joined via videoconference.

Regrets: Commissioners Ana M. Bermúdez, Darrick Hamilton, Yesenia Mata

The Chair acknowledged the presence of an in-person quorum to conduct the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. The Chair began with welcoming remarks and an overview of the meeting agenda.

The Chair then called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting of the Commission. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Kui, seconded by Commissioner Daniel Favors, and subsequently adopted unanimously by all in-person Commission members present at approximately 4:28 p.m.

The Executive Director, Anusha Venkataraman, provided updates on public engagement.



The Executive Director then introduced Policy Director and Special Counsel, Jimmy Pan, to review the major themes of racial inequity that have begun to emerge through issue area panels and public engagement.

The Commissioners began a discussion on the major themes identified.

The Executive Director then provided the Commissioners with a schedule of the upcoming public engagement events, *Transforming Foundations: Economic Equity and Closing the Racial Wealth Gap* on August 10th, Manhattan Public Input Session on August 11th, *Transforming Foundations: Racial Equity and Early Foundations* August 13th, Bronx Public Input Session on August 19th, virtual public input sessions on August 23rd and 26th; and the next public Commission meeting on September 14th.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

A transcription of the entire Commission Meeting will be prepared and uploaded to: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/racialjustice/commission-meetings/past-meetings.page>.