

**Minutes for the May 3, 2021 Meeting of the
New York City Racial Justice Commission**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission was held via videoconference, telephone dial-in, and Internet livestream at 6:00 p.m. on May 3, 2021.

The Chair, Jennifer Jones Austin, was present and presided. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were the following members of the Commission:

- Henry Garrido, Vice Chair
- K. Bain
- Ana M. Bermudez, Esq.
- Rev. Fred Davie (Joined during the presentation on the Overview of the Charter).
- Lurie Daniel Favors, Esq.
- Darrick Hamilton
- Chris Kui
- Yesenia Mata
- J. Philip Thompson
- Jo-Ann Yoo

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum to conduct the meeting.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Commission. The motion was introduced by Commissioner Jo-Ann Yoo, seconded by Vice Chair Garrido, and subsequently adopted unanimously by all Commission members present.

Executive Director Anusha Venkataraman provided context on the Commission staff's incorporation of Commissioners' comments and feedback into a revised Racial Justice Commission Working Framework. Commissioner Bermudez moved to adopt the Working

Framework. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Yoo. The Chair affirmed that the Working Framework could be adjusted as needed as the Commission's work progressed. Commissioner Daniel Favors suggested amendments for future revision. Commissioners Bermudez, Kui, Garrido, Yoo, Daniel Favors, Mata, Thompson, Bain and Jones Austin voted in favor. Commissioner Hamilton opposed. Commissioner Davie was absent for the vote. The motion passed with a majority of Commissioners voting in favor.

Counsel to the Mayor Kapil Longani and Principal Deputy Counsel to the Mayor Alexis Blane provided the Commission with an overview of the New York City Charter. The presentation included examples of actions taken by prior Charter Revision Commissions, and how those actions might be categorized within the Commission's Working Framework.

General Counsel Melanie Ash provided an overview of the ethical standards the Commissioners must comply with pursuant to Chapter 68 of the New York City Charter.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.