



## **Minutes for the September 27, 2021, Meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission was held virtually and livestreamed for remote public viewing at 4:00 p.m. on September 27, 2021.

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

- Henry Garrido, Vice Chair
- K. Bain
- Ana M. Bermúdez
- Lurie Daniel Favors
- Fred Davie
- Chris Kui
- Yesenia Mata
- J. Phil Thompson
- Jo-Ann Yoo

Regrets: Commissioner Hamilton

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum (Chair Austin and Commissioners Thompson, Daniel Favors, Kui, Mata, and Yoo) to conduct the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The Chair made welcoming remarks.

Vice Chair Garrido and Commissioners Bermudez and Bain joined at approximately 4:05.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the September 14, 2021, meeting of the Commission. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Vice Chair Garrido and seconded by Commissioner Kui, and subsequently adopted unanimously by Commission members present at approximately 4:07 p.m.



Executive Director Anusha Venkataraman provided an overview of the agenda for the meeting. She advised the Commissioners of the intended release of the staff interim report later in the week and the planned discussion on the preamble during today's meeting.

Commissioner Davie joined the meeting at approximately 4:19 p.m.

The Chair then initiated a discussion about a proposed preamble for the Charter. The Commission's General Counsel, Melanie Ash, summarized the process by which the revised draft preamble was developed and read the revised draft for the Commission. The Commissioners then engaged in a discussion about the revised draft preamble and provided comments, revisions, and suggestions. Executive Director Venkataraman and Deputy Executive Director Harold Miller made edits in real time.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Chair requested the Commission Staff make the additional changes as requested by Commissioners and circulate the updated document in the coming days, to be voted on in an upcoming meeting. The Chair noted that the next meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2021, however, if necessary, a special meeting could be called to vote on the preamble before then.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

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