

**Minutes of the December 9, 2021, Meeting of the
New York City Racial Justice Commission**

A duly noticed meeting of the New York City Racial Justice Commission was held in person at 265 Henry Street, New York, New York with videoconference (for Commissioners only) and an Internet livestream for remote public viewing at 4:00p.m. on December 9, 2021.

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

K. Bain

Ana M. Bermúdez

Lurie Daniel Favors (virtual)

Fred Davie

Vice Chair Henry Garrido (virtual)

Darrick Hamilton (virtual)

Chris Kui

Yesenia Mata

J. Phillip Thompson

Jo-Ann Yoo

The Chair acknowledged the presence of a quorum (Chair Jones Austin and Commissioners Bain, Bermudez, Daniel Favors, Hamilton, Kui, Thompson and Yoo) to conduct the meeting and called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

Commissioner Garrido joined the meeting virtually at approximately 4:18 p.m.

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the Minutes of the December 3, 2021 meeting of the Commission. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by

Commissioner Bermudez and seconded by Commissioner Kui, and subsequently adopted unanimously by Commission members present at approximately 4:20 p.m.

Chair Jones Austin made welcoming remarks, gave an overview of the agenda for the evening's meeting, including discussion and voting on ballot proposals, and voting on a resolution directing staff to prepare a final report that will include ballot measures and a roadmap.

Commissioner Davie joined the meeting at approximately 4:27 p.m., and Commissioner Mata joined the meeting at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Executive Director Anusha Venkataraman and Policy Director Jimmy Pan presented a proposed roadmap for inclusion in the final report. Commissioners discussed items they would like included in the roadmap.

Chair Jones Austin read out a proposed resolution directing staff to prepare a final report that will include ballot measures and a roadmap.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Davie and seconded by Commissioner Kui.

Commissioners discussed the first proposal. Commissioner Thompson proposed an amendment. Commissioners discussed the proposed amendment. A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson and seconded by Chair Jones Austin. Vote was taken by roll call. The amendment was approved unanimously at 5:38 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the second proposal. Commissioner Hamilton proposed an amendment to the second proposal. Commissioners discussed the proposed amendment. A motion to amend the proposal as stated was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Daniel Favors. Vote was taken by roll call. Commissioners Yoo, Mata, Hamilton, Daniel Favors, and Bain voted in favor. Commissioners Thompson, Kui, Garrido, Davie and Bermúdez, and Chair Jones Austin voted against. The motion to amend failed at 5:56 p.m.

Commissioner Hamilton proposed another amendment to the second proposal. Commissioners discussed the proposal. A motion to amend the proposal as stated was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Commissioner Bermúdez. Vote was taken by roll call. Commissioners Bain and Hamilton voted in favor. Commissioners Bermúdez, Davie, Daniel Favors, Garrido, Kui, Mata, Thompson, Yoo, and Chair Jones Austin voted against. The motion to amend failed at 6:16 p.m.

Commissioner Bermúdez proposed an amendment to the second proposal. Commissioners discussed the proposal. A motion to amend the proposal as stated was

made by Commissioner Bermúdez and seconded by Commissioner Yoo. Vote was taken by roll call. The motion passed unanimously at 6:25 p.m.

Commissioners discussed the third proposal. No amendments were proposed.

Commissioners discussed the roadmap. A motion to amend the roadmap to add specificity to the roadmap was made by Chair Jones Austin and seconded by Commissioner Bermúdez. Vote was taken by roll call. The motion passed unanimously at 6:36 p.m.

Chair Jones Austin read the amendments passed. A motion was made by Commissioner Yoo and seconded by Commissioner Bermúdez to approve the resolution as amended. Vote was taken by roll call. The motion passed unanimously at 6:40 p.m.

The Chair made closing remarks and reminded Commissioners that the final Commission meeting is scheduled to take place December 16, 2021, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in person at a location to be determined. At that meeting, Commissioners will vote on the final report, including ballot language.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

A transcription of the entire Commission Meeting will be prepared and uploaded to <https://racialjustice.cityofnewyork.us/events/>.