



**Anti-Black Racism and Black Excellence Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 2024 | 6:30 p.m. | North Boardroom, 650 Rossland Rd. West, Oshawa

**Attendance:** Director Tracy Barill, Kayode Akomolafe (HREA), Superintendent Katharine Stevenson, Jamaal Augustine, Anisa Voisin, Alexa Rodney, Lateasha Chevers, Miranda Hinsey.

**Online:** Chair-Shauna Bookal, Zhora Adatia-McGlashen, Trevor Aitcheson, Tania Magdalena Baldwin, Christina Seucharan, Rozette Moonsammy.

6:30 p.m.	<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	Chair Bookal
6:35 p.m.	<b>African Ancestral Acknowledgement</b>	Miranda Hinsey
6:40 p.m.	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Nicole Emanuel
6:45 p.m.	<p><b>Welcome Remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Bookal welcomed everyone in person and online.</li> <li>• Began meeting with the land acknowledgement.</li> <li>• Invited Anisa Voisin to lead the African Ancestral Acknowledgement.</li> <li>• Invited Nicole Emanuel to lead the opening prayer.</li> </ul>	Chair Bookal
6:50 p.m.	<p><b>Election of Vice-Chair:</b></p> <p>Four Nominations were submitted:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lateasha Chevers (in person)</li> <li>2. Nicole Emanuel (in person)</li> <li>3. Rozette Moonsammy (online)</li> <li>4. Cristina Seucharan (online)</li> </ol> <p>Request to accept a nomination from the floor (requires 2/3rds majority). Move to accept nominations from the floor:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chair Bookal</li> <li>2. Seconded by Anisa Voisin</li> <li>3. Vote: Carried with a 2/3rds majority</li> </ol> <p>Nomination by Chair Bookal for Jamaal Augustine for Vice Chair; Seconded by Anisa Voisin. Jamaal Augustine added to the nomination list.</p> <p>Each Nominee was provided an opportunity to speak for up to five minutes (in the following order):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rozette Moonsammy</li> <li>2. Lateasha Chevers</li> <li>3. Nicole Emanuel – Delivered speech. Declined Nomination</li> <li>4. Cristina Seucharan - Withdrew Nomination</li> <li>5. Jamaal Augustine</li> </ol>	Chair Bookal



	<p>Speeches closed at 7:20 p.m.</p> <p>Final candidates for election of Vice Chair:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rozette Moonsammy</li> <li>2. Lateasha Chevers</li> <li>3. Jamaal Augustine</li> </ol> <p><b>Vice Chair elected:</b> Lateasha Chevers.</p> <p>Vice Chair Chevers thanked the committee for their support and looks forward to the work that needs to be done. She appreciates this opportunity.</p>	
7:20 p.m.	<p><b>Review of Meeting Time:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was proposed that meetings be moved to 7:00 p.m. with the 1.5-hour time frame. Committee members agreed.</li> <li>• Meeting dates will be as follows. Calendar invites will be issued. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• September 25, 2024</li> <li>• November 20, 2024</li> <li>• February 26, 2025</li> <li>• April 23, 2025</li> <li>• May 28, 2025</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	All
7:30 p.m.	<p><b>Scholarships and Awards:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Bookal will be sending out the sub-committee list again to members.</li> <li>• Would like to get information out to the schools before the end of the year. This would provide an opportunity to research sponsorship/grants over the summer.</li> <li>• Alexa Rodney, through her employment, can assist with connections for funding and also mentorship programs.</li> <li>• Zhora Adatia-McGlashen and Alexa Rodney will take the lead on this research.</li> </ul>	Chair Bookal
7:40 p.m.	<p><b>Update on Board Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 25, 2024 – The HREA submitted a report on initiatives to address anti-Black racism, progress this year and plans for further work.</li> <li>• April 22, 2024 – Delegation was brought to the Board of Trustees requesting for improved commitment to addressing anti-Black racism in DCDSB.</li> </ul>	Director Barill
7:55 p.m.	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Nicole Emanuel
8:00 p.m.	<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair Bookal