



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Final Committee on Equity and Inclusion

*Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4)*  
*Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*  
*Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)*  
*Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)*  
*Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)*  
*Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)*

---

Thursday, February 10, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

---

### THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

#### Call to Order

Chair Person Arthur called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Chair Person Arthur introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

**\*NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Chair Person Arthur, Vice Chair Piagentini, Committee Member Kramer, and Committee Member George, who attended in Chambers.**

**Present:** 7 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)

#### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3) and Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7)

#### Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Financial Analyst  
Beth Stenberg, Metro Council Financial Analyst

#### Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [O-029-22](#)

#### **AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE JUNETEENTH JUBILEE COMMISSION.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Paula McCraney (D-7), Additional Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Additional Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Additional Donna L. Purvis (D-5) and Additional David James (D-6)

**Attachments:** [O-029-22 V.1 020322 ESTABLISHING THE JUNETEENTH JUBILEE COMMISSION.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Committee Member Winkler, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.**

**The following also spoke to this item:**

- Chair Person Arthur
- Council Member McCraney
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Michael Meeks, Louisville Metro Office of Equity
- Wanda Mitchell Smith, Mayor's Office
- Council Member Dorsey
- Committee Member Shanklin

**The following was discussed:**

- This legislation defines the purpose, intent, and role of the commission to celebrate the Juneteenth holiday.
- The multi-day celebration includes arts, education, equity discussions, a minority business fair culminating in a gospel celebration on the final day of activities.
- This legislation will codify the Juneteenth celebration by housing the Juneteenth commission within a Louisville Metro Government agency.
- Several agencies and individuals were commended for their work on bringing this celebration to actualization.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro currently has a board or commission dedicated to a day/event.
- There was a discussion regarding the tasks and endeavors that a celebration of this magnitude requires.
- The primary focus of the Juneteenth Commission is to project manage the Juneteenth holiday celebration and activities.
- The Juneteenth Commission will be administered by the Louisville Metro Office of Equity's staff.
- There was a discussion about the Juneteenth Commission not being included in the Louisville Metro Government Boards and Commissions.
- There was a discussion regarding the many activities, discussions, business fairs, community services, and musical events.
- There was a discussion regarding the impact of redlining, i.e., housing discrimination on the community and the significance of this celebration.

**The motion carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:**

**Yes:** 7 - Shanklin, Arthur, Chambers Armstrong, Kramer, Winkler, Piagentini, and George

2. [R-016-22](#)**A RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE METRO COUNCIL TO PERFORM AN EQUITY REVIEW OF ITS OWN BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION. (AS AMENDED)**

**Sponsors:** Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

**Attachments:** [R-016-22 V.2 CAM 021022 REQUIRE METRO COUNCIL TO PERFORM AN EQUITY REVIEW OF ITS OWN BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION.pdf](#)  
[R-016-22 PROPOSED CAM 021022 REQUIRE METRO COUNCIL TO PERFORM AN EQUITY REVIEW OF ITS OWN BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION.pdf](#)  
[R-016-22 V.1 020322 REQUIRE METRO COUNCIL TO PERFORM AN EQUITY REVIEW OF ITS OWN BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION.pdf](#)  
[FOR REFERENCE ONLY - O-596-20 V.2 CABS 020420 Amend LMCO 30.03 RE Equity Review.pdf](#)  
[Equity and Inclusion - Council Discretionary Funds, Office & Staff Level Comparisons.pdf](#)

**A motion was made by Committee Member Winkler, seconded by Committee Member Chambers Armstrong, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.**

Chair Person Arthur directed the Committee members to review the proposed amendment in the system entitled, "R-016-22 PROPOSED CAM 021022 REQUIRE METRO COUNCIL TO PERFORM AN EQUITY REVIEW OF ITS OWN BUDGET PRIOR TO ITS ADOPTION.pdf." (See attached)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Winkler, that this Resolution be amended.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Arthur
- LaTonya Bell, Metro Council Financial Analyst
- Beth Stenberg, Metro Council Financial Analyst
- Committee Member Kramer
- Committee Member Winkler
- Vice Chair Piagentini

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the purpose and mission of this legislation.
- The intent of this legislation is to further express the equity goals and vision set forth in the 2021 "Budget Equity Review" Ordinance. (See attached)
- There was a discussion regarding the definitions and goals set forth in the 2021 "Budget Equity Review" Ordinance.
- There was a presentation regarding a peer city comparison conducted by Metro Council Financial Analysts noting similar city legislators' processes and use of discretionary funds. (See attached)
- There was a discussion regarding the peer cities considered when formulating the discretionary fund process from 2003 to date.
- There was a discussion regarding the projects reviewed and the determination on how to expend funds.
- There was a discussion regarding the use of "Council Designated" funds in recent years.
- The study reviewed a total of ten peer cities.
- There were several questions regarding whether a salary comparison was conducted assessing peer cities' Council Members salaries versus Louisville Metro Council Members' salaries.
- There was a discussion regarding differing roles of similar peer cities' Council Members.
- There was a discussion regarding differing responsibilities of peer cities' budgets, such as some include their school system.
- Louisville Metro has an independent school system.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Kramer, that this amended Resolution be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Arthur adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

**\*NOTE:** Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 17, 2022.