



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative 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, June 16, 2022

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Vice Chair Piagentini called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Piagentini introduced the committee and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except for Committee Member Shanklin, who attended virtually.**

Present: 6 - 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), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)

Excused: 1 - Chair Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5) and Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 22-0836](#)

A Path Forward Update - Sadiqa Reynolds, Esq., Louisville Urban League

Attachments: [A Path Forward Update to Metro Council.pdf](#)

Sadiqa Reynolds, Louisville Urban League, gave a presentation (attached hereto), and introduced Jo'cari Beattie.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Kramer
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Committee Member Winkler
- Council Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- There were several questions regarding the Black Community Fund, the West End Opportunity Partnership/Tax Increment Funding (TIF) proposal, and the Louisville Urban League's involvement with both.
- There were several questions regarding the Louisville Urban League's concept of gentrification and sustainability efforts.
- The Louisville Urban League is currently working with an economist to locate and compare a peer city that has utilized a Tax Increment Funding (TIF) in the black community.
- There was a discussion regarding concerns within the black community in regard to the West End Tax Increment Funding (TIF) proposal.
- There were several questions regarding the Louisville Urban League's perspective on charter schools to further educational opportunities.
- There was a discussion regarding Title I funding and "No Child Left Behind," as charter schools are ineligible for federal funding.
- There was a discussion regarding the student education gap in the black community and shortfalls in technology and broadband.
- There were several questions regarding the West End School.
- There were several questions regarding whether supporting the West End School or similar schools was supporting/promoting racism.
- There was a discussion regarding how the West End School, W. E. B. Dubois Academy, and the Grace M. James Academy of Excellence, were created as a response to racism.
- There was a discussion regarding how removing monies from the public school system for charter schools could negatively impact black and brown students.
- There were several questions regarding efforts to combat rising eviction rates within Louisville Metro and how the Metro Council could be a partner in the efforts of the Louisville Urban League.
- There was a discussion regarding expanding affordable housing across every zip code within Louisville Metro.
- There were several questions regarding the Louisville Urban League's perspective on early learning and childcare.
- There was a discussion regarding childcare access and removing barriers.

- There were several questions regarding how Louisville Metro may promote revitalization without displacement.
- There were several questions regarding the West End Opportunity Partnership/Tax Increment Funding (TIF).

Adjournment

Without objection, Vice Chair Piagentini adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.