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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Salem Race Equity Commission (REC) will be held **on Thursday, January 4 2024, at 5:30 p.m.** via remote participation in accordance with Chapter 107 of the Act of 2022. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so on matters not requiring a public hearing, we will post on the City of Salem's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

Meetings of the REC take place on the first Thursday of the month from 5:30-7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

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CITY ORDINANCE

Sec.2-1032 of the City of Salem Ordinance relating to the Race Equity Commission states as follows:

There is hereby established a race equity commission for the purpose of:

1. Implementing elements of the city's race equity action plan and updating said plan periodically as necessary;

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and City Ordinance Sections 2-2028 through 2-2033**

2. Advising departments and city officials on strategies and approaches to ensure municipal programs, policies, budgets, and ordinances are developed in a manner that avoid and reduce systemic racism and bias;
3. Developing and recommending initiatives, programs, and policies intended to reduce systemic racism and bias in Salem;
4. Designing and conducting hiring and recruitment programs and advise on employee training and retention programs to increase diversity and cultural competency of city staff;
5. Supporting and guiding community organizations, employers, associations, nonprofits, agencies, businesses, and others in methods by which they can help reduce systemic racism and improve racial equity in Salem; and
6. Seeking grants and other sources of support and resources to carry out the Commission's work.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call

Alphonse Wright	City of Salem Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Shantel Alix	Director: Regina Zaragoza Frey
Rosa Alvarado	Chief of Police: Lucas Miller
Nicole McLaughlin	City of Salem Human Resources Director: Lisa
Paola Miranda	Cammarata
Tara Dhanraj Roden	Salem Public Schools Superintendent: Dr.
Alexandra Ramos	Stephen Zrike
Kenzie Chin	City Council Liaison: Jeff Cohen

2. Approve previous meeting minutes.
 - a. December 2023.
3. Welcoming Jeff Cohen as the REC's new City Council Liaison.
4. Discussion regarding feedback on presentations from the December meeting of the REC.
 - a. Equity Audit – ReadySet Solutions.
 - b. Human Resources Recruiting and Retaining a Diverse and Representative Workforce – HCH Enterprises.
5. Discussion regarding October's presentation from Saskia VannJames about the creation of an American Freedmen Commission in the City of Salem. Any vote regarding this matter is expected during February's meeting of the REC.
6. New business.
 - a. Update on the City of Salem's Discrimination Reporting Form.
7. Public Comment.
8. Adjournment.

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