



**CITY OF SALEM
RACE EQUITY COMMISSION**

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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, March 7, 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 5:30-7:30pm 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;
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, Vice Chair
Shantel Alix
Rosa Alvarado
Nicole McLaughlin
Paola Miranda
Tara Dhanraj Roden
Alexandra Ramos
Kenzie Chin

City of Salem Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Director: Regina Zaragoza Frey, Chair
Chief of Police: Lucas Miller
City of Salem Human Resources Director: Lisa Cammarata
Salem Public Schools Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Zrike
City Council Liaison: Jeff Cohen

2. Approve previous meeting minutes.
 - a. February, 2024

3. Follow up discussion regarding February's meeting regarding the creation of an American Freedmen Commission in the City of Salem, continued from February's agenda.

4. Summary and overview of reports on the City's Discrimination Reporting Form since its launch. Discuss potential recommendations.

5. Discussion regarding next projects for the Race Equity Commission and discussion regarding the Race Equity Task Force Report.

6. New business.

7. Adjournment.

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