



**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 20, 2023 (6:30 P.M.)**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**I. ATTENDEES:**

Checked boxes indicate present. Unchecked boxes indicate absence.

*Community Members:*

Shane Lloyd (Chair)  Jared Hautamaki (Vice Chair)  Izola Shaw (Zola) (Second Vice Chair)  Sonia Canzater  Isaac Cudjoe  Pat Grant  Shuo Huang  Tasnuva Khan  
 Gustavo Torres

*County Staff Members:*

Selena Mendy Singleton (Parliamentarian)  Anthony R Alston  Sylvia Hernandez  
 Betty Lam  Willie Parker Loan  James Stowe

**Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice Staff:**

Tiffany Ward

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Shane Lloyd (Chair)

**III. AGENDA**

- No objections. The agenda was adopted.

**IV. MINUTES**

- The September 20, 2023, minutes were approved.
- The October 18, 2023, minutes were approved.

**V. AGENDA ITEM 1**

**Item:** Conversation with the Honorable Charlotte A. Crutchfield, Esq., Maryland State Delegate

- Delegate Crutchfield offered a historical context for the conversation around the decriminalization of cannabis, starting with the War on Drugs under President Richard Nixon.
- Delegate Crutchfield described Maryland’s [Social Equity Applicant Program](#) and other strategies the State is using to address the disparate impacts of historic cannabis criminalization has had on communities of color.

**VI. AGENDA ITEM 2**

**Item:** Conversation with Montgomery County President Evan Glass - **POSTPONED**

**VII. AGENDA ITEM 3**

**Item:** Meeting with Dr. James Bridgers, Director of Montgomery County Health and Human Services Department, and Dr. Rolando Santiago, Chief of Behavioral Health and Crisis Services

- Dr. Bridgers offered brief opening remarks, and then Dr. Santiago offered a comprehensive presentation on cannabis from the perspective of a public health official.

**VIII. AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Item:** Operations Survey Results and What’s on Deck – **MOVED TO DECEMBER MEETING**

**IX. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- No updates were shared during this meeting.

**X. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

- None.

**XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES**

- No announcements were made.

**XII. ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm Shane Lloyd.