



**RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, April 23, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:**

Checked boxes indicate present. Unchecked boxes indicate absence.

***Community Members:***

☒ Dr. Pat Grant (Chair), ☐ Sonia Canzater, ☒ Dr. Isaac Cudjoe, ☒ Joseph Hurst, ☐ Dr. Tasnuva Khan, ☒ Shane Lloyd, ☐ Akufuna Ngonda, ☒ Judith Thomas, and ☐ Gustavo Torres.

***County Staff Members:***

☒ James Stowe (Vice Chair), ☒ Selena Mendy Singleton (Parliamentarian), ☐ Dr. Anthony R. Alston, ☒ Ilana Branda, ☐ Lieutenant Oneil Ormsby, ☒ Dourakine Rosarion, ☒ Aisha Williams

***Guests:***

☒ Ken Hartman, Assistant Chief Admin Office, ☒ The Honorable Marc Elrich, County Executive

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Dr. Pat Grant (Chair)

- **AGENDA** Motion for a minor change approved. The agenda was adopted.

**MINUTES**

- March 19, 2025, was approved.

**AGENDA ITEM:**

- **Item 1: Ken Hartman**, Montgomery County Assistant Chief Admin Office, received further input on the request to use the CHAT feature during RESJAC's meetings to capture written motions.
- **Item 2: County Executive Marc Elrich** gave a presentation on the recommended FY26 budget. In addition, he shared updates on pending issues and regulations that affect Montgomery County residents. Details on the information shared can be viewed by clicking on this link:

- <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/OMB/Resources/Files/omb/pdfs/fy26/FY26OperatingBudgetPresentation.pdf>

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Item 1. Town Hall:**

Joseph Hurst shared details of the steps taken to organize the Town Hall:

Tentative dates: June 25th, 26th, or 28th.

The selection of the guest speaker is pending. During the Town Hall, the speakers will discuss Immigration and the challenges the immigrant community is currently facing. Other topics for discussion are being considered, such as the implementation of new policies and their impact on minority groups and community members in general. The place is to be determined.

#### **Town Hall's proposed structure and goals:**

- Facilitator-led sessions.
  - Policy recommendations.
  - Advocacy at the council level to move policies that positively impact the community.
- **Item 2.** Dr. Grant provided updates on the following bills that RESJAC sent support letters – Bill HB0964 (Montgomery County - Task Force on the Displacement of Residents of Emory Grove MC 5-25) signed into law by Governor Moore; Bill HB1198 (Correctional Services - Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services - Female Incarcerated Individuals- The Monica Cooper Prerelease Act) did not pass; HB1423 (Commission to Review and Assess Racial Disparities in the State Criminal Justice System – Establishment) did not pass; HB 1222 (Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement (Maryland Values Act) signed into law by Governor Moore; and HB1006 (Immigration Enforcement - Sensitive Locations - Guidelines and Policies: Protecting Sensitive Locations Act) did not pass.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Item 1:** Tiffany Ward, Director of the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice, shared that her department is fully staffed. Data analytics metrics are available for decision-making.

#### **Department New Projects:**

- Department budget performance analysis.
- Racial Equity Impact assessments.
- Focus group with community members to assess Montgomery County's Racial Equity Action Plan, which will be shared with other county departments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES:**

- Black Rock Center, June 21, Juneteenth
- AAHP Community Day, May 31: African American Health Program and its partner organizations' event. Open to everyone.

**ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:34 by Dr. Grant, Chair.