



City of Dallas

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
VIRTUAL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 6:30P.M.

WebEx Meeting Address:

<https://dallascityhall.webex.com/dallascityhall/onstage/g.php?MTID=ee94778e9ffb66eaf93c7f82b606d98ad>

Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

Access code: 146 508 6644

MINUTES

PRESENT

Ms. Elaine Sacks
Mr. Asa Woodberry
Mr. Trent Hughes
Mr. Kelly Drake
Rev. Donna Slater
Mrs. Zandra Mendenhall
Mrs. LaSheryl L. Walker
Dr. Jose Dela Cruz
Mrs. Clara Brown-Trimble

ABSENT

VACANT POSITIONS

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF PRESENT

LaRhonda Bacon, Coordinator II
Pamela R. Jones, Division Manager III

CITY OF DALLAS PRESENT

Dr. Jamel Slaughter, Program Administrator
Jessica Galleshaw, Director

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

LaRhonda Bacon called the meeting to order at 6:32pm.

INVOCATION/OPENING STATEMENT

Board Member Hughes prayed for everyone, the community, and the decorum of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was completed by LaRhonda Bacon.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR & VICE CHAIR

Mrs. Bacon called for a motion for August 16, 2021 for Chair. Board Member Woodberry made a motion for Board Member Hughes to chair the meeting. It was seconded by Board Member Drake. The board approved. Board Member Drake made a motion for Board Member Woodberry to be the vice chair for the meeting and it was seconded by Board Member Hughes. The board approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Acting Chair Hughes called for a motion to approve the minutes. Board Member Woodberry made the motion to approve minutes and Board Member Drake seconded the motion. The board approved.

2022 40TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Acting Chair Hughes turned it over to the sub-committee Chair Board Member Woodberry. Board Member Woodberry started with the theme which will be “40 Years Strong, A look to the future”. The City of Dallas PIO department requested a revision to the theme. They requested the theme to read “40 Years Strong, A look to the Future”. After discussion, Acting Chair Hughes called for a motion Board Member Trimble made a motion to change the theme to “40 Years Strong, A Look Toward the Future”. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sacks. The board approved. The colors chosen are navy and white with gold accents. The logo has not been completed at this time but that the sub-committee is wanting for the logo to include Dr. and Mrs. King. The venue will be at the Hyatt Regency Dallas Hotel. The keynote speakers listed are not available and the fees are not feasible. Currently Martin Luther King III is available to be a speaker for the 2022 Gala. After much discussion, Acting Chair Hughes called for a motion Board Member Walker made a motion to have Martin Luther King III as the 2022 keynote speaker. The motion was seconded by Board Member Sacks. The board approved.

Acting Chair Hughes called for Dr. Slaughter to discuss fundraising. Dr. Slaughter reported that the sponsorship packet is being worked on and awaiting the logo to be confirmed before a date can be set on the sponsorship packet. Chair Hughes requested that the logo designs be sent out to the board. After much discussion, on the recommendation of Board Member Dr. Dela Cruz that each member will submit their logo recommendation to Dr. Slaughter by Wednesday, August 18, 2021, via email. Dr. Slaughter also reported that the sub-committee stated that the ticket price for 2022 will be \$150 per person. After discussion, Acting Chair Hughes called for a motion. Board Member Drake made a motion that the 2022 Gala ticket will be \$150. The motion was seconded by Board Member Trimble. The board approved.

Acting Chair Hughes called for Board Member Woodberry to discuss the board engagement of activities. Acting Chair Hughes also stated that the board member assigned to the engagement is a liaison to the events and for everyone to know that their help is needed and accepted. Board Member Woodberry opened the floor to ask if any other members would like to volunteer for the activities. Acting Chair Hughes asked Dr. Slaughter for the update on the parade. Dr. Slaughter reported that we received four (4) packets, and that we are working with procurement. Procurement is responsible for the scores and presentations are currently being scheduled to complete the process to complete the RFP.

2021 CENTER CULTURAL EVENTS

MLK Fresh Produce Distribution served 1,250 families during the month of July. The distribution is still taking place every Saturday at 9:30am at the Park South YMCA during the Covid-19 pandemic. All board members are encouraged to volunteer and help plan the many cultural events. For the month of June, the Juneteenth Drive Thru Celebration was great and inspiring, again, and as a drive thru and we served 725 families with food, cleaning supplies, and information. The AIDS Walk South Dallas took place on Saturday, June 26, 2021 with 250 attendees. There were no events during the month of July. In August, our Annual Back to School

Drive Thru Festival served 1,135 students and their families. Please let us know which events you would like to chair and be a part of. Our next event will be Day of Dignity Saturday, October 23, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None


ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Trimble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board Member Sacks seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Signature

Printed name

Date



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Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center
Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Eddie S. Glaude Jr.

New York Times Bestselling Author & Chair of Princeton's Department of African American Studies

One of the nation's most prominent scholars, Eddie S. Glaude, Jr. is an author, political commentator, public intellectual and passionate educator who examines the complex dynamics of the American experience. His writings, including *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, and his most recent, the New York Times bestseller, *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own*, takes a wide look at Black communities, the difficulties of race in the United States and the challenges we face as a democracy. In his writing and speaking, Glaude is an American critic in the tradition of James Baldwin and Ralph Waldo Emerson, confronting history and bringing our nation's complexities, vulnerabilities, and hope into full view. Hope that is, in one of his favorite quotes from W.E.B. DuBois, "not hopeless, but a bit hopeful."

Glaude is the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor and Chair of the Department of African American Studies at Princeton. He frequently appears in the media, as a columnist for TIME Magazine and as an MSNBC contributor on programs like Morning Joe and Deadline Whitehouse with Nicolle Wallace. He regularly appears on Meet the Press on Sundays. Glaude also hosts Princeton's AAS podcast, a conversation around the field of African American Studies and the Black experience in the 21st century.

A highly accomplished and respected scholar of religion, Glaude is a former president of the American Academy of Religion. His books on religion and philosophy include *An Uncommon Faith: A Pragmatic Approach to the Study of African American Religion*, *African American Religion: A Very Short Introduction*, and *Exodus! Religion, Race and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*, which was awarded the Modern Language Association's William Sanders Scarborough Book Prize.

Some like to describe Glaude as the quintessential Morehouse man, having left his home in Moss Point, Mississippi at age 16 to begin studies at the HBCU and alma mater of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University and a Ph.D. in Religion from Princeton University.

Glaude is known both for his inspiring oratory and ability to convene conversations that engage fellow citizens from all backgrounds — from young activists to corporate audiences looking for a fresh perspective on DEI. In 2011, he delivered Harvard's DuBois lectures. His 2015 commencement remarks at Colgate University titled, "Turning Our Backs," was recognized by the New York Times as one of the best commencement speeches of the year.

Combining a scholar's knowledge of history, a political commentator's take on the latest events, and an activist's passion for social justice, Glaude challenges all of us to examine our collective American conscience, "not to posit the greatness of America, but to establish the ground upon which to imagine the country anew."

Topics:

- Lessons from the Later Dr. King
- What's Your DEI Moonshot?
- The Ethics of Anti-Racism
- Race & Democracy: America is Always Changing, But America Never Changes
- Breaking Views: Dr. Eddie S. Glaude Jr. on Democracy in the News
- The Paradox of Education for Black & Brown Children