

SYSTEMIC RACISM REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 22, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Zoom Webinar



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A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lee called the Systemic Racism Review Committee to order at 12:01 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the City and Borough of Juneau is on Tlingit land, and wish to honor the people of this land, the Auk Kwáan and Taku Kwáan. For more than ten thousand years, Alaska Native people have been and continue to be integral to the well-being of our community. We are grateful to be in this place, a part of this community, and to honor the culture, traditions, and resilience of the Tlingit people. Gunalchéesh!

C. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chair Grace Lee, Kelli Patterson, Ivan Nance, AnaVera Morato and Jennifer Pemberton

Members Absent: Ephraim Froehlich, Gail Cheney

Staff/Others: Robert Barr, Di Cathcart, Nicole Lynch and Assemblymember 'Wáahlaal Gíidaak

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved as presented.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes approved as presented.

1. 2023-07-11 Systemic Racism Review Committee Minutes - Draft

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

G. INTRODUCTION OF NEW SRRC MEMBERS

2. Welcome New SRRC Members

Jennifer Pemberton and AnaVera Morato

Committee members welcomed Ms. Pemberton and Ms. Morato to the committee and how great it is to have them as part of the SRRC. They both recognize faces of fellow committee members and Assemblymember "Wáahlaal Gíidaak having worked or socialized with them in other capacities. Ms. Morato and Ms. Pemberton noted they look forward to bringing their knowledge and work to the committee; and look forward to future discussions.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

The following ordinances were up for introduction on the consent agenda at the August 21, 2023 Regular Assembly Meeting. A blank SRRC checklist is included in the packet if an ordinance is pulled for further discussion and committee members want to utilize that tool. Legislation and materials associated with the legislation are located in the Assembly packet: <https://juneau-ak.municodemeetings.com/>

Recommended Motions:

"I move to approve the consent agenda as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move to approve the consent agenda as amended and ask for unanimous consent": [use this motion when items are pulled off consent for further discussion]

3. Legislation for Review by SRRC

[Ordinance 2022-07\(b\)\(B\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$3,680,701 from the Central Treasury for FY23 School District Operations; Funding Provided by State Revenue and Private Grants. [Supplemental Information Sheet](#)

[Ordinance 2023-14\(b\)\(K\)](#) An Ordinance Appropriating \$600,000 to the Manager for the Gate K Culvert Reconstruction Capital Improvement Project; Funding Provided by Airport Funds.

Mr. Barr read the ordinances into the record and gave a summary of each piece of legislation. Chair Lee pulled Ordinance 2022-07(b)(B) for further discussion per Ms. Pemberton's questions related to the ordinance.

MOTION: by Ms. Patterson to approve the consent agenda as amended and asked for unanimous consent.
Hearing no objection, motion passed.

I. LEGISLATION PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

Legislation pulled from the consent agenda during the meeting for further discussion, questions or to walk through the SRRC checklist on a particular piece of legislation.

Sample Motions:

"I move to forward Ordinance xxxx-xx to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent" OR "I move the SRRC recommend to the Assembly it {fill in the recommendation} prior to taking action on proposed legislation."

Ms. Pemberton asked why the funding applies to last and if any of the funds listed in the school district ordinance are affected by the recent letter from the State of AK Dept. of Education & Early Development regarding outside the cap funding. Mr. Barr said the first part of Ms. Pemberton's question is the same one he has and doesn't have an answer for that yet but assumed these are going into school district revenue funds that will roll over into the current fiscal year. Mr. Barr expected that the school district would answer that question at the September 6th Finance Committee meeting. Regarding the second part of the question, Mr. Barr those funds wouldn't generally be subject to the cap because they are primarily private grants and the one State bit of funding listed is for summer school which he thought is an outside the cap expenditure and this too will be part of the September 6th Assembly Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION: by Ms. Patterson to forward Ordinance 2023-07(b)(B) to the full Assembly as presented and ask for unanimous consent. **Hearing no objection, motion passed.**

J. AGENDA TOPICS

Discussion and decision on which topic the SRRC should start to review.

4. Revised SRRC Checklist

The committee began to review the draft checklist. At the next worksession the committee will review and finalize the checklist and decide on creating a new checklist specific to a policy or topic. Chair Lee noted the Assembly may ask us to delve into some specific topics. Ms. Patterson recommended the first topic not be the budget, it would be a lot, and would be better to look at a singular topic, single focus. Chair Lee recommended committee members bring one or two areas of discussion they wish to talk about at the next worksession.

K. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Barr offered to meet with new members or anyone to sit and discuss topics or the workings of CBJ, please reach out.

L. COMMITTEE MEMBER / LIAISON COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None

M. NEXT MEETING DATE

August 29, 2023 @ 12pm via Zoom - SRRC Worksession

September 12, 2023 @ 12pm via Zoom - Regular SRRC Meeting

N. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting adjourned at 12:33 p.m.