



Racial Equity Council of
Thurston County
The Atrium/Teams Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 11, 4pm – 5:30pm

Introductions

The council meeting was held in person and over Microsoft Teams.

Attendees

Dr. Auzimuth Jackson, Keoki Kauanoë, Jason Clark, Devi Ogden

Council Membership

- Devi will review applications next week to identify the council's 7th member. Please share the application link with your contacts if you know of anyone who would be interested [Racial Equity Council Application](#).
- Keoki will connect with his contacts from the Nisqually Tribe to inquire about interest in applying to serve as a member on the Council.
- Devi will work with the county PIO to advertise in the community to fill the remaining 8 positions. Advertisement will likely take place in September.

Equity Action Plan

- Devi has a draft proposal for the County's Equity Action Plan. She presented the draft proposal to the County Manager and Deputy County Manager this week and will share the proposal with appointed directors next week. Devi will send the draft proposal to REC members for their review.
- Devi is scheduled to brief the BoCC about the proposed Equity Action Plan on September 7th, 2023, with the final proposal going to the Board to vote on in December.

Bylaws

- Dr. Jackson will draft the bylaw template for the REC and send the template to council members.
- Members are asked to help author the bylaws, and a meeting in September will take place for members to come together to draft the bylaws as a group.
- Preferred deadline for final draft of bylaws is October 2023.

Council Member Updates

- Event → Dr. Jackson shared that he will be attending a professional network for DEI practitioners next week, Thursday August 17th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, located at the Plum Street YCMA, if anyone is interested in joining.
- Keoki shared that he is participating in a DCYF DEI Committee meeting next week and will share information with us as relevant and will give updates to that committee on the work we're doing.
- Event → Keoki shared that the ASHHO Cultural Community Center is hosting a [Walk with Erin Jones](#) tomorrow, Saturday August 12th from 11am to 1pm.

Adjourn

5:30pm the Racial Equity Council meeting was adjourned.