

One Boro Commission, Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm

Joe Brannen Hall Annex

58-A E. Main Street, Statesboro, GA

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Voting Members (attending members in **bold**): **Stacy Smallwood (Chair)**, **Matt Gerig (Vice-Chair)**, **Enola Mosley (Secretary)**, Lewis Crane (Treasurer), **Candice Bodkin**, **Johnny Gamble**, **Barbara King**, **Tracy Linderholm**, **Nandi Marshall**, **Karen Naufel**, **Sandra Ofosuhemaa-Jones**, **Franklin Qualls**, **Pamela Quiney**, **Yolanda Tremble**, **Marieke van Willigen**, **Keith Wilkey**

Ex-Officio Member: **Philip Leroy**

COS Representative: **Demetrius Bynes, HR Director**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Willigen
- B. Second by: Linderholm
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (January 8, 2023)

- A. Motion by: Willigen
- B. Second by: Quiney
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

V. Public Comments: This is an opportunity to address the Commission regarding concerns or ideas on any topic. To be considerate of everyone at this meeting, public comment will be limited to three minutes per person; total time allotted to public comment at this meeting is 20 minutes. Participants are to state their first and last name for the record. Comments that cannot be made within these limits should be submitted in writing to the One Boro Commission (oneborocommission@gmail.com). The Commission encourages civil discourse for everyone who participates in our meetings.

William Fry, GSU PRIDE president, supported by Suzanne Shurling, from the GA Equality Board of Directors, presented a proposal for approval by the One Boro committee. Fry's proposal was for Statesboro to hold a Pride celebration in June, stating that this move will be lucrative for Statesboro, increasing tourism and bringing in more vendors. After the presentation, Chairman Smallwood shared that the One Boro Committee

did not have the authority to grant permission at this time. There were several steps that had to be followed. However, he would do a follow-up.

VI. Discussion with Deborah Walker, Consultant, VISIONS Inc.

Deborah Walker and John Capitman introduced themselves and then presented background facts concerning the VISIONS program. Basically, VISIONS is committed to changing systems by educating them on the value of honoring others in the workplace. There are four major biases: personal, institutional, cultural, and interpersonal. When asked how long it usually takes leaders to change, Walker and Capitman responded that it could be up to two years, but it depends on the individual. The more involved a person becomes the better the chances of change. Capitman says that sometimes a person has to fake it until you feel it. Basically, they will know if the VISIONS program is working by measuring the sincerity of the city. This program will be working with our city leaders February 22-23.

VII. Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

A. City of Statesboro -- Demetrius Bynes

Dates to remember:

FEB 6 – 1st Council Meeting in Council chambers—9:00am

FEB 13 – Stakeholders Meeting

FEB 24 – Village Builders Meeting (Farmer's Market)

B. Violence Prevention Task Force -- Pam Quiney

Next Meeting – FEB 12

Receiving free literature from the Federal government. Waiting on its arrival and reflecting on the best way to distribute this information while engaging with young people. Also, the committee found a book that they will be sharing. They will be sending out a link.

C. Workforce Development Subcommittee - Stacy Smallwood

The last meeting was on JAN 22. Dr. Dawson shared issues related to incarcerated citizens.

Expungement clinics is an issue that will be further investigated. A next meeting link is forthcoming.

D. Healthy Boro – Karen Naufel

Their logo and slogan have been chosen. On JAN 18, at Village Builder's event, they put up a question board and got feedback from GSU students that they need healthy food options. Their next meeting is FEB 15. All are welcome. A link will be coming.

E. The Longest Table Subcommittee – Barbara King

Meetings are now held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 6:00pm. Links will be given out soon. All are invited to attend. The tables and chairs will be provided by GSU, and they will work out the spacing and placement. FEB 16 will be an organizing meeting. A spreadsheet will be sent for all to recommend restaurants. They are looking for a variety. The Youth Council and the Artfest groups are willing to help out. Yolanda Tremble reported that she mentioned the Longest Table at the town meeting she attended last SAT. They will have a walk-through. The event will take place April 20 from 4:00pm to 7:00pm.

F. Equity Metrics Subcommittee–Matt Gerig
He reported that he was still analyzing a Georgia report.

G. Training Subcommittee – [Demetrius Bynes](#)
Report presented by Walker and Captiman from VISIONS.

VIII. New Business — Chairman Smallwood

Due to busy schedules, our One Boro retreat is still in the planning stages. Not forgotten.

IX. Announcements

At 7:30pm, Candice Bodkin will share non-profit information. Her Monday class is willing to help One Boro through student projects.

X. Motion to Adjourn

- A. Motion by: Nandi Marshall
- B. Second by: [Marieke Van Willigen](#)
- C. Discussion: None
- D. Vote result: Unanimous

Meeting ended at 6:52pm

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024 at 5:30pm