

One Boro, Monday, April 3, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Statesboro City Hall

50 E. Main Street, Statesboro, GA

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Voting Members: Stacy Smallwood (Chair), Sandra Ofosuhemaa (Vice-Chair), Lora Cooper (Secretary), Janice Cawthorn (Treasurer), Julie Chance, Lewis Crane, Johnny Gamble, Matt Gerig, Barbara King, Nandi Marshall, Pam Quiney, Keith Wilkey

Ex-Officio Member: Philip Leroy

COS Representative: Demetrius Bynes, HR Director

I. Call to Order 5:32 pm

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of agenda

- A. Motion by: Janice Cawthorn
- B. Second by: Nandi Marshall
- C. Discussion:
- D. Vote result: Passed

IV. Approval of previous meeting minutes (March 6, 2023)

- A. Motion by: Janice Cawthorn
- B. Second by: Nandi Marshall
- C. Discussion:
- D. Vote result: Passed

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.

Kirsten Mengell, Doctor of Public Health student at Georgia Southern University spoke on creating a Black Mental Health Partnership with One Boro. Mengell would like to do community based interdisciplinary research to determine community interest in mental health and what is needed in the community.

VI. Reports of Committees and Subcommittees

A. City of Statesboro

City Council Meeting on 4/4 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers. Second meeting of April will be on 4/18 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers. The meetings are open to the public and will also be available for viewing on the City's Facebook page.

The Mayor and City Council are hosting Leading by Reading events monthly. Elected officials or City staff will be reading to children ages 0-5. Childcare providers are invited to bring in the children that they serve.

The City is hosting a hiring event at the Nesmith Lane Center on Georgia Southern University's campus from 4-7 pm on April 4. Ten different departments will be participating.

B. Equity Metrics Subcommittee

Most of the information that is needed has been received. Still needs information from the Fire Department on new hires, in-service training and plans for increasing the number of minorities hired. Demetrius Bynes shared that the Fire Department has created a short commercial that will air on WTOG. Diversity is already in the pool of new hires—they need to pass background checks.

C. Training Subcommittee

City Council had a retreat and plans to move forward with training for Department Heads.

D. The Longest Table Subcommittee

Location and tables are secured. Promotion is needed to get the word out. Promotional materials have been done. Please sign up for subcommittees. Volunteers are needed for the day of the event along with 40 facilitated listeners. The City's Finance Director confirmed that there is \$1,088 in the account. Sponsorships from various sources are coming in. Individuals with expertise in merging files to make one presentation for the multi-media contest are needed. The logistics are pretty much taken care of. Set up for the event will begin at 12 pm with shifts in 2 three hour blocks.

E. Violence Prevention Task Force

Met last month. Plans to ask Police Chief to attend the next meeting and wants to get the youth perspective for the next Securing Statesboro. A one pager with a QR code will be posted on the One Boro site and disseminated. The next meeting is on April 13 at noon.

F. Workforce Development Subcommittee

Met on March 20. Planning for Reentering Citizens Roundtable in June or July. Outreach to various programs, possible venues and facilitators to lead discussions was discussed. The Roundtable may consist of two sessions—1 meeting with 2 parts: Reentering Citizens and Business separate and then a meeting that brings everyone together.

VII. Announcements

Stacy Smallwood announced that he and Tina Patterson submitted a grant through the Healthier Georgia Initiative. Four communities will be selected.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

- A. Motion by: Nandi Marshall
- B. Second by: Lewis Crane
- C. Discussion:
- D. Vote result: Passed

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023 at 5:30pm