

# AGENDA

## Nassau County Minority Affairs Council Meeting Office of Minority Affairs (OMA)

Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 5:00 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting/Conference Call

Attendees: Natalie Borneo, Nadine Burnett, Reginal Benjamin, Isma Chaudhry, Melrose Corley, Biena Depena, Charles Dickens, Mickheila Jasmin-Beamon, Kim Jenkins, Kyle Rose Louder, Natalie Mitchell-Cange, Paul Quintyne, George Siberon, Arthur Vernon, and Debra Wheat- Williams

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1. Call to Order/Welcome
2. Roll Call (Attendance & Sign-in Sheet)
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Presentations: Guest Speaker(s)  
Lionel Chitty, Director, Nassau County Office of Minority Affairs
  - o Question & answer limited to 5 mins.
5. Adoption of Minutes from previous meeting
6. New Business
  - a. Working Committee Updates
  - b. Other
7. Announcements
8. Adjournment of meeting

\*For All Question & Answer sessions ~ 1 question per member

# **Nassau County Minority Affairs Council**

## **Meeting Minutes November 8th, 2021**

### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Nassau County Minority Affairs Council was called to order at 5:13 pm on November 8th, 2021 by Chair Nadine Burnett.

### **Present**

Nadine Burnett, Chair  
Melrose Corley  
Biena Depena  
Mickheila Jasmin-Beamon, Vice Chair  
Kim Jenkins  
Kyle Rose Louder (Deputy County Executive)  
Rabbi Arthur Vernon

### **Absent**

Natalie Borneo, Secretary  
Reginal Benjamin  
Isma Chaudhry  
Charles Dickens  
Natalie Mitchell-Cange  
Paul Quintyne  
George Siberon  
Debra Wheat-Williams

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Rabbi Arthur Vernon, second by Debra Wheat-Williams.  
Motion carried; agenda approved.

Chair Nadine Burnet welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no invited guests for this meeting. Committee members were asked to provide updates from their working groups

### **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to accept meeting minutes with noted amendments and for posting made by Rabbi Arthur Vernon and second by Biena Depena. Motion carried; minutes approved

### **Old Business**

Kyle Rose-Louder noted that tomorrow, November 9, 2021, Nassau County will be opening absentee ballots to begin the count. Every vote will be counted.

Rabbi Arthur Vernon recommended that the committee wait for the outcome of the election before deciding on next steps for our working groups.

### **New Business**

Mickheila Jasmin-Beamon shared that the Nassau Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc will be resuming its Small Business Crawl this year. The goal is to highlight minority businesses throughout Nassau and patronize them on Small Business Saturday (November 27, 2021). Please share any business recommendations to Mickheila and she will submit them to the Economic Development Committee.

Rabbi Arthur Vernon asked whether the Office of Minority Affairs should be involved in organizing/promoting the upcoming Interfaith Luncheon since it is a religious event.

- Biena Depena recommended that the Office of Minority be approached to promote/share the event but leave attending the (religious) event to the discretion of individual members
- Kyle Rose-Louder raised the wider implication of having a government office participate in religious events

Nadine Burnett noted that the Office of Minority Affairs may be hiring a program director and new employee(s) to assist with the Multicultural Festival. Executive Director Lionel Chitty should be providing an update during the December 2021 meeting.

*Working Group Updates:*

*No reports given*

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mickheila Jasmin-Beamon, second by Debra Wheat-Williams. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm.

Minutes submitted by: Natalie A. Borneo, Secretary

Approved by: Nadine Burnett, Chair