

Mar 24, 2025 | 📅 Reparations Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Mariangely Solis Cervera Martine Maingot Maya Getter Jean Julien
Natalia Espinosa Tokuhama Kenneth Moales NaaJuah Benton Lori Nelson
Khalid Mustafa Empress Irish Warren Dana Alas

Notes

- The meeting was called to order at 6:19
- The chairman has present task force members introduce themselves.
- Chair calls for City of Boston employees to be introduced
- The chairman discusses the two subcommittees which are research and community engagement
- The chair mentions the two research teams.
- Kyera Singleton comes up to present on behalf of the Tufts team
- Dr. Jackson was given space to present on behalf of the North Eastern team
- Chair calls for public comments and also mentions the need to quantify the impact of this work so they will be looking to get an economist
- Chair calls for Khalid to close the meeting

• Present:

- Chair Joseph Feaster
- Byron Rushing
- Antonia Edwards (AE)
- Dorothea Jones (DJ)

• Absent:

- Mariama White-Hammond (MWH)
- L'Marchie Frizier (LF)

Slides:

- Primary Themes 1620-1940
 - The trans-Atlantic slave trade and the founding of Boston
 - Segregation, Discrimination, and Economic Exploitation
 - Law Enforcement
- Methodologies
- Mapping Where Black Bostonians Lived Historically

- 1742 map created by GIS lab. Dark shades of purple represent the enslaved communities which were closer to the water
- 1840 see the wards, Beacon Hill is a concentrated area
- 1890 population is growing and there is a shift to Back Bay and Roxbury
- 1930 shift to the south end
- The Barbadoes Family
 - General Colored Associations
 - Dr. Greenidge begins to discuss about the Barbadoes family from Zoom
 - The family was originally enslaved in Lexington and then moved to Boston
 - Black life looked a certain way because of the abolition of slavery
 - Understanding the long-term economic impacts due to James Barbadoes because he was enslaved in the South though he was a freeman
- Historical Burial Grounds tied to Black History (pie chart)
 - They will be mapping black names
 - There were a number of children who were buried

Dr. Jackson Presents from the Northeastern Team

- Slavery and its legacy: Bostons, 1940- 2020
- Primary Focus: education, police and fire department, Housing and Urban Renewal
 - Focus on policies
- The Legal Battle to Desegregate School
 - Roberts v Boston
 - The role of the city in school segregation
- Boston Police and Fire Department- Employee Discrimination
 - 1972, a federal court ruled and affirmed there was discrimination
 - 1990s this ruling was applied
- Long-Term Impact of Housing Discrimination
 - White Boston Households median wealth of 247,500 vs 0 for Black Bostonian Households
- Health Disparities
 - Blacks have been discriminated against based on their treatment as clients
- Procurement Policies and Practices
- Harms

Public Comment:

- Is this a comprehensive report from the different times?
 - There are glaring omissions ... there were different migrations
 - She does not feel like there is enough information about how we got here
 - Are we talking about black Americans or everyone at the table looking for money?
- Samuel Pierce- How were universities built by Enslaved Blacks

- RMV was lost to NEU
- How deep are you all going in the research? Or is this just a study to scratch the surface
- Ms. Grace- mentions that there are missing parts and there is an issue about them looking at a Barbados family to look at reparations
 - Issue with the naming of people of color ... we are Black
 - Will the researchers request for more time
 - Education- why start at desegregation and not the Black schools
 - EIP, Special needs to prison pipeline
 - Imminent domain
- Reggie Stewart
 - Housing- were you able to quantify the urban renewal, eminent domain, and tax foreclosures.
 - Would the researchers be able to find the parcels of land that were taken?
- Clifton
 - Will there be learning sessions, Financial literacy classes?
- Dominguez P.
 - Why did we stop at 1940 when Black people came to Boston
 - How did we get to educational black and how will that be closed

Question from Zoom (go back)

- Question about busing - clarify the ethnicity name of the Barbados family
- Asia Jackson
 - How long do we need to go over the history without results
 - How many extensions will there be for these researchers
 - How will there be people in place to protect
- Antonia Edwards
 - When will the report be done ... will you be covering what is important to Black Boston?
- Joe
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- Monica Murchison
 - Why was her daughter assaulted by BPS teacher and it was hidden (trending on twitter) police did a wellness check. And Now BPS
 - Discussed problem with other elected officials