

# **NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS REMEDIES**

## **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Thursday, April 10, 2025**

**Location:** Dreiser Community Center, Bronx New York, 177 Dreiser Loop, 2nd Floor, Auditoriums B and C, Bronx, NY 10475

**Commissioners Present:** Dr. Seanelle Hawkins, Chair and Executive Committee Member; Dr. Deborah Jenkins, Vice Chair and Executive Committee Member; Timothy R. Hogues; Linda Tarrant-Reid, Secretary and Executive Committee Member; Dr. Ron Daniels and Dr. Darrick Hamilton

**Commissioners Excused:** Jennifer Jones Austin, Treasurer and Executive Committee Member; Lurie Daniel Favors, Esq.; and Linda Brown-Robinson.

### **I. Call to Order and Welcome**

Vice Chair Dr. Deborah Jenkins called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM.

### **II. Roll Call**

Secretary Linda Tarrant-Reid conducted a roll call and confirmed that a quorum was present, five Commissioners out of the nine are required for a quorum.

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

Motion made by Commissioner Timothy Hogues to accept the minutes from the Business Meetings of December 16, 2024; February 15, 2025 and March 4, 2025.

Motion seconded by Chair Seanelle Hawkins

Action: motion adopted unanimously

### **IV. Key Updates on Hiring Commission Staff:**

- Erica Rowe-Owens, Interim Operations Manager hired
- Stuart J. Mitchell, Parliamentarian hired
- Finalizing contract for Communications Firm
- Currently interviewing Candidates for Research Historian and Policy Analyst positions
- RFP for General Counsel has been issued, accepting proposals until April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Preparing RFP to hire Economic Team. Commission Reports

## **V. Commission Reports:**

Chair Hawkins reported on a draft project timeline to accomplish the mission of the Commission:

- Phase I – Research and Community Engagement
- Phase II – Analysis and Recommendation Development
- Phase III – Recommendations and Final Report

There was also a discussion among the Commissioners for establishing small groups to discuss subject matter experts and potential themes for upcoming public meetings.

## **VI. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by Commissioner Jenkins at 9:00 PM