

# Ad-Hoc Committee on Reparations

## SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

Wednesday, May 27, 2025

3:00 p.m.

**Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair**

**Supervisor Elisa Márquez**

**Location: Alameda County Administration Building**

**Board of Supervisor Chambers**

1221 Oak Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor

Oakland, CA 94612

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Miley, Chair. Supervisor Miley and Supervisor Márquez were both present.

### I. Update from the Reparations Commission – Informational Item

#### [Attachment](#)

Commission Chair Debra Gore-Mann reported that the County Library is the supporting department for the Reparations Commission. Year 1 accomplishments include information gathering and lessons learned from other reparations efforts (CA State Task Force, San Francisco, Russell City, Mills College/Northeast).

#### *Budget*

The initial budget request was \$5M over 2 years (scoped and itemized), however that budget had to be revised per the County Administrator's Office. The revised budget request has been submitted to the County Administrator's Office for \$4.6M over 2 years.

The current allocation for the Commission, approximately \$120 over ~18 months, is sole used for meeting space and stipends.

The Reparations Commission term has been extended through June 2026. Currently the Commission needs resources for listening sessions, data collection/analysis, and writing of the Action Plan. Without funding, the rigor/quality of the plan will be compromised.

#### Other activities

- Retreat held; path from learning to deliverables.
- SharePoint repository created (presentations, budgets, scopes, reports).
- UC Berkeley Goldman capstone delivered an outline/template for the Harms Report
- Website in development with IT support.
- Developing community engagement plan: listening sessions: Target 2 in-person per district (~10 total); plus virtual sessions (TBD) and countywide town halls.
- Surveys: Online and community-based modalities.
- Trusted messengers: Partner with faith-based and community leaders (e.g., NAACP, clergy) to broaden outreach.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

## **II. ACTION ITEM: Reparations Commission request for funding for community engagement and to draft an action plan report with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors**

Supervisor Nate Miley, Ad hoc Committee on Reparations Chair and Supervisor Elisa Márquez, Ad hoc Committee on Reparations member discussed funding for the Reparations Commission community engagement and action plan drafting.

Exceptional Community Connections (ECC) supported the January retreat and can provide program management/infrastructure support; individual session facilitators may require separate procurement depending on resources. Use of county-owned facilities (Board Chambers, libraries, city halls) to minimize venue costs; consider faith/community venues where strategic.

Additional needs include professional facilitation (trauma-informed), note-taking, data synthesis, media and publicity support.

Next steps & process

Commission work session tonight to refine scope, components, and options (tiers) aligned to varying funding levels (e.g., full, hybrid, minimal).

Joint board letter to be co-authored by Supervisors Miley and Marquez incorporating specific scope and amount; target placement on a June Board agenda.

Supervisors may consider contributing district discretionary funds to supplement.

**Recommendation from the Ad hoc Reparations Committee:** Advance committee support for county funding to enable the Commission's community engagement and action plan drafting, with specifics to be detailed in the joint board letter.

**Motion passed 2/0**

## **III. ACTION ITEM: Authorize Reparations Commission to seek outside funding**

The Reparations Commission requests to leverage philanthropic/corporate support to demonstrate county support to unlock match funding.

The County Auditor will establish a designated account for reparations-related funds. The Commission to utilize a county-affiliated foundation (for donors unwilling to fund a governmental entity directly). Final selections and mechanics to be memorialized in the joint board letter after consultation with CAO and Library; include nonprofit/for-profit donor pathways.

**Recommendation from the Ad hoc Reparations Committee:** Motion was made by Supervisor Miley and seconded by Supervisor Marquez to authorize the Commission to seek outside funding and include fund-handling options in the same joint board letter targeted for June.

**Motion passed 2/0**

**Public Input – Items not on the agenda**

None.

## **ADJOURNED**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14 p.m. on May 27, 2025.

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