

Research Subcommittee — Meeting Minutes

Date:	July 14, 2026
Time:	6:07 PM – 8:29 PM (ET)
Format:	Virtual (Zoom)
Prepared by:	Thabiti Brown, Research Chair/Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Commissioner Thabiti Brown called the meeting of the Research Subcommittee to order at approximately 6:07 p.m.

2. Attendance

Present:

- Cheyenne Wyzard-Jones
- Thabiti Brown
- George Greenidge Jr.

A quorum of the Research Subcommittee was present.

3. Review of Agenda

The Subcommittee reviewed the meeting agenda, which included discussion of the Research Subcommittee's purpose, potential FY27 priorities, and preliminary planning for future activities.

4. Discussion - Research Subcommittee Scope of Work

Members reviewed the Commission's enabling ordinance and discussed how the ordinance informs the Research Subcommittee's responsibilities. Discussion focused on the Commission's role in investigating and reporting on historical, systemic, and ongoing harms to American Freedmen and the role of research in supporting future recommendations to the full Commission.

- **Members discussed Potential Activities** that could support the Subcommittee's work, including:

- Commission education and learning opportunities
- Reparations Study Hall events
- Public listening sessions
- Public hearings or presentations by subject matter experts
- Opportunities to engage scholars and researchers to inform the Commission's work
- **Approaches for gathering community input and educating the public about the Commission's work.**
 - Community engagement and facilitation.
- **Possible future use of an outside facilitator to assist with community engagement activities.**
 - General City procurement requirements that may apply to future contracts were discussed.
- **Preliminary FY27 Planning**
 - Members reviewed and discussed a preliminary planning framework for FY27. Discussion included possible timelines for future Research Subcommittee meetings, community engagement activities, educational programming, and development of research priorities. Members acknowledged that the planning framework is preliminary and will continue to be refined at future meetings before any recommendations are presented to the full Commission.

5. Future Discussion Topics

- **Members discussed continuing work on:**
 - Refining the FY27 work plan
 - Developing concepts for future public engagement activities
 - Coordinating with other Commission subcommittees, as appropriate
 - Identifying opportunities to engage scholars and researchers
 - Considering future procurement, if needed, to support community engagement activities

6. Votes

- **No votes were taken.**

7. Adjournment

- There being no further business, Commissioner Brown adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:29 p.m.