City of Cambridge American Freedmen Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 15, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM
Attendance:

☐ Akiba, Sukia	☒ ~~Greenidge, George~~	**City AFC Staff**
☒ ~~Brown, Thabiti~~	☒ ~~Bhembe, Xenia~~	
☒ ~~Collins, Melissa~~	☒ ~~LUBINTUSs, Gassendina~~	☒ ~~Brown, Deidre~~
☒ ~~Dance, Kwame (joined at 6:56)~~	☐ Mason, Natassa	☒ ~~Diana Milkey~~
☒ ~~Davis, Jeff~~	☒ ~~Wyzzard Jones, Cheyenne~~	** Arrived after the meeting was called to order*

Action Items will be highlighted in yellow

Open Session
The City of Cambridge American Freedmen Commission ("Commission") will meet in public open session to

1. Moment to Connect: Community Voice and Understanding (Public Comment) (5 mins.)
2. Prior Meeting Minutes Approval
    a. June 11th Outreach Subcommittee
        i. Questions/Comments
            1. None
        ii. Motion to approve the minutes for the June 11th Outreach Subcommittee meeting by Jeff Davis
        iii. Seconded by Thabiti Brown
        iv. Votes
            1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
            2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
            3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
            4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
            5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
            6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
            7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
    b. June 16th Regular Meeting
        i. Questions/Comments
            1. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. says that it

needs to say “draft” on top of the minutes and also that the time of the meeting minutes should be on there. He also requests that the suffix “Jr.” be added to his name on every draft. He also requests that it be noted on the record who is online and who is not
2. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to amend the minutes that he did not get the link for the meeting until 6:45
3. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to amend and change the name from “Francis” to “Frederick Rindge”
4. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE asks to add COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR.’s comment about double quorum to the minutes

ii. Motion to approve the minutes for the June 16th regular meeting by Jeff Davis
iii. Seconded by Thabiti Brown and Kwame Dane
iv. Votes
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y (if comment about double quorum is added)

c. Motion to adjust the agenda to discuss the subcommittee reports after the executive session.
i. Seconded by Gassendina LUBINTUSs
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. – A
7. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE - A
8. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y

d. June 9th Outreach Subcommittee
i. Questions/Comments
1. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to make it clearer on the minutes that everyone attended online

ii. Motion to approve the minutes for the July 9th Outreach Subcommittee meeting by COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES
iii. Seconded by COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS
iv. Votes
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
8. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE - Y

e. July 14th Research Subcommittee
i. Questions/Comments
1. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to make a note that these are draft minutes
2. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to note that Deidre Travis Brown was at the meeting
3. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to note that he left the meeting at 8:00 PM
ii. Motion to approve the minutes for the July 9th Outreach Subcommittee meeting by COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES
iii. Seconded by COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS
iv. Votes
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
8. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE - Y

f. July 9th Outreach Subcommittee
i. Questions/Comments
1. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to make it clearer on the minutes that everyone attended online
ii. Motion to approve the minutes for the July 9th Outreach Subcommittee meeting by COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES

iii. Seconded by COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS
iv. Votes
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
8. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE – Y

3. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. asks to make a note that the rest of the unapproved meeting minutes need to be approved within 30 days or three meetings. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS says we are in the window.

4. Subcommittee Reports
a. Community Outreach Report
b. Research Report
5. Vote to go into executive session to discuss claims alleged against the Commission with respect to the July 11, 2026, July 15, 2026, July 19, 2026, August 6, 2026 and August 20, 2026 Open Meeting Law Complaints brought by George Greenidge, Jr.
a. Motion to go into executive session by Jeff Davis
i. Seconded by Thabiti Brown
ii. Voting
1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
5. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
6. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. - A
7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
8. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE – Y
iii. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. recuses himself.

Executive Session

1. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(1), the Commission will meet in executive session to discuss the July 11, 2026, July 15, 2026, July 19, 2026, August 6, 2026 and August 20, 2026 Open Meeting Law Complaints brought by George Greenidge, Jr.
2. Chair COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS calls the executive session to order at 7:25 PM

-Minutes for Executive Session currently unavailable for members of the public-

Return to Open Session

1. Open Session resumed at 8:40 PM
2. Roll Call
    a. Present
        i. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS
        ii. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN
        iii. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES
        iv. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS
        v. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE
        vi. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS
        vii. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE
3. General discussion about the Open Meeting Law Complaints filed against the Commission and possible future next steps.
    a. Statement from Jeff Davis
        i. We are returning from executive session after being informed that the allegations against the commission were found to be baseless and without evidence, and the commission authorized the Law Department to answer the allegations on their behalf.
    b. Statement from the Law Department
        i. SM says that the Commission asks that George Greenidge Jr. Participate in mediation pursuant to 940 CMR 29.05 (9)(a) in response to any new open meeting law complaints he may file in the future against the commission.
    c. Motion to offer mediation if further complaints from George Greenidge Jr. by Jeff Davis
        i. Seconded by Thabiti Brown
        ii. Voting
            1. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
            2. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
            3. COMMISSIONER THABITI BROWN - Y
            4. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - A
            5. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE - Y
            6. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
            7. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE - Y
        iii. Motion passed.
4. Future meeting discussions
    a. Next scheduled meeting would be October 13th
    b. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS asks if a remote regular

meeting would be a good idea before the end of the month. She requests another meeting before the next Community Outreach Subcommittee meeting on October 1st

c. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS suggests meeting on the 22nd or the 29th
    i. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. suggests a working session and joint meeting for the commission and the subcommittees
    ii. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES says a regular meeting for subcommittee updates makes sense
d. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS proposes a meeting on the 29th of September with a backup date of October 6th
    i. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS asks Deidre and COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS to coordinate with Thabiti and ask about quorum
    ii. Seconded by COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES
        1. Voting
            a. COMMISSIONER GASSENDINA LUBINTUS - Y
            b. COMMISSIONER CHEYENNE WYZZARD-JONES - Y
            c. COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS - Y
            d. COMMISSIONER MELISSA JACKSON-COLLINS - Y
            e. COMMISSIONER GEORGE GREENIDGE JR. – Y
            f. COMMISSIONER KWAME DANCE – Y
            g. COMMISSIONER XENIA BHEMBE – Y
        2. Passed

5. Meeting adjourned by COMMISSIONER JEFF DAVIS at 9:14 PM.