



Washington Heights Selection Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
5:00 pm Monday, March 14, 2022  
Washington Heights United Methodist Church  
In Person and via Facebook LIVE

**1. Call to Order**

Lynn Ward Gray called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

**Roll Call:** Ron Sweet, Lynn Ward Gray, Jenasia Morris, Dr. Elishae Johnson in attendance. Rochelle Hatcher was absent.

Staff: Krista Trout-Edwards, Executive Director; Amy Rose Robinson, Property & Project Coordinator; Angela Whitesell, Office & Program Coordinator; and Janie Brown, Grant Support Technician.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

*Dr. Elishae Johnson moved to approve the agenda. Ron Sweet seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote. In Favor: Sweet, Gray, Morris, Johnson. Opposed: None.*

**3. Citizen Comment**

Aric Vaughn, 615 North Washington Avenue asked about the timetable for the Advisory Committee to be seated.

Lynn Ward Gray stated that that was a good question, but difficult to answer because the selection process must be completed first and that is in process.

**4. Consent Agenda**

*Jenasia Morris moved to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Johnson seconded, and the motion passed by a roll call vote. In favor: Sweet, Gray, Morris, Johnson. Opposed: None*

**5. New Business**

**a. Discuss and Confirm the Public Comment Policy**

Lynn Ward Gray clarified that it is inappropriate for nominees to contact the Selection Committee members directly outside of a public meeting. It is best to contact the CCLBA staff. Should a Selection Committee member be contacted, they must forward any inquiries to the staff to address.

Krista Trout-Edwards noted that the proposed public comment policy mirrors the CCLBA Board policy with a three (3) minute time limitation and does not allow negative comments. Additionally, it includes language allowing the Temporary Chair to allow questions and comments with the nominees during the selection process.

*Jenasia Morris made a motion to approve the Public Comment Policy. Ron Sweet seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote. In favor: Sweet, Gray, Morris, Johnson. Opposed: None.*

**b. Discuss Nominees and Finalize Representatives for Quads 3 – 5**

**Section/Quad 3 – Ballot Vote:**

Sweet – Dennis McKinley

Gray – Shirley McKinney

Morris – **Shirley McKinney**

Johnson – **Shirley McKinney**

**Shirley McKinney was voted as the member for Quad 3.**

All remaining Quad 3 nominees moved forward to the At-Large category.

**Section/Quad 4 – Ballot Vote:**

Sweet – **Shanay Settles**

Gray – **Shanay Settles**

Morris – **Shanay Settles**

Johnson – Arniece Montgomery

**Shanay Settles was voted as the member for Quad 4.**

All remaining Quad 4 nominees are moved forward to the At-Large category.

**Section/Quad 5 – Ballot Vote:**

Sweet – Centhia Fleming

Gray – **Aric Vaughn**

Morris – **Aric Vaughn**

Johnson – **Aric Vaughn**

**Aric Vaughn was voted as the member for Quad 5.**

All remaining Quad 5 nominees are moved forward to the At-Large category.

**c. Discuss Nominations and Selection Process for six (6) At-Large seats, consisting of four (4) Regular Member seats (voting) and two (2) Alternate Seats (non-voting)**

Ms. Trout-Edwards presented an overview of the staff report for the At-Large voting process, including that nominees would be removed if they received no votes, and the process for tie-breaker votes. In addition, she explained that nominees receiving the most votes would be the first to be seated.

*Dr. Johnson made motion to approve the selection process for At-Large seats. Ron Sweet seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote. In favor: Sweet, Gray, Morris, Johnson. Opposed: None*

Lynn Ward Gray noted that Paul Sharp should be removed from consideration as staff could not confirm his address and whether he met the criteria for residing in or owning property in NPC2.

Aric Vaughn provided confirmation of Paul Sharp's address as outside of the NPC2.

*Dr. Johnson made motion to remove Paul Sharp as a candidate as he does not meet the eligibility requirements. Jenasia Morris seconded. The motion passed by a roll call vote. In favor: Sweet, Gray, Morris, Johnson. Opposed: None*

*Dr. Johnson moved to recess for five (5) minute until 6:03 pm to allow staff to prepare for the At Large voting process, Jenasis Morris seconded. The motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.*

Lynn Ward Gray called the meeting back to order at 6:01 pm.

**d. Discuss Nominees and Finalize Representatives for six (6) At-Large seats, consisting of four (4) Regular Member seats (voting) and two (2) Alternate Seats (non-voting)**

**Round 1 At-Large Seats – Ballot Vote:**

Sweet – English, G. McKinley, **D. McKinley**, Freeman, **Montgomery**, Fleming  
Gray – Brown, **D. McKinley**, **Montgomery**, Vater, Simms, **Frentz**  
Morris – **Montgomery**, Brown, **D. McKinley**, Cotton, Barlow, **Frentz**  
Johnson – Freeman, Stevens, Montgomery, **D. McKinley**, Fleming, **Frentz**

D. McKinley received 4 votes  
Montgomery received 4 votes  
Frentz received 3 votes

***Dennis McKinley, Arniece Montgomery, and Hannah Frentz were voted as Regular At-Large Members (voting representatives).***

Nominees with no votes were removed: R. Dolphin & A. Latowski.

***Round 2 At-Large Seats – Ballot Vote:***

Nominees on the Ballot from Round 1: Cotton, Brown, Barlow, English, Freeman, G. McKinley, Simms, Stevens, Vater, Fleming)

Sweet – **Fleming**, Freeman, **Brown**  
Gray – Vater, **Brown**, Simms  
Morris – **Brown**, **Fleming**, Cotton  
Johnson – **Fleming**, Freeman, Cotton

Nominees with no votes were removed: T. Barlow, V. English, G. McKinley, W. Stevens.

Brown received 3 votes  
Fleming received 3 votes

***Tie Breaker Round 1 for Regular At-Large Member***

Sweet – Fleming  
Gray – Brown  
Morris – Brown  
Johnson – Fleming

Brown received 2 votes  
Fleming received 2 votes

***Tie Breaker Round 2 for Regular At-Large Member***

Sweet – Fleming  
Gray – Brown  
Morris – Brown  
Johnson – Brown

Brown received 3 votes  
Fleming received 1 vote

***Damon Brown was voted as Regular At-Large Members (voting representative)***  
***Centhia Fleming was voted as an Alternate At-Large Members (non-voting representative)***

***Round 3 At-Large Seats – Ballot Vote:***

Nominees on the Ballot from Round 1: Cotton, Freeman, Simms, and Vater  
Sweet – Freeman  
Gray – **Cotton**

Morris – **Cotton**  
 Johnson – **Cotton**

Cotton received 3 votes  
 Freeman received 1 vote

***Sherrill Cotton was voted as an Alternate At-Large Members (non-voting representative)***

Selection of the Advisory Committee is complete. See table below.

Washington Heights Neighborhood   NPC2				
<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>				
to the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority				
	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>REPRESENTS</b>	<b>QUAD</b>
1	Lynn Ward Gray	Selection Committee	CCLBA Board Liaison	At-Large
2	Rochelle Hatcher	Selection Committee	District 2 County Commissioner	At-Large
3	Jenasia Morris	Selection Committee	Ward 2 City Commissioner	At-Large
4	Ron Sweet	Selection Committee	Neighborhood Planning Council	At-Large
5	Dr. Elishae Johnson	Selection Committee	Catalyzing Community Giving	At-Large
6	Marcelle Heath	Regular Member		Quad 1
7	Brigetta Phillips-Freeman	Regular Member		Quad 2
8	Shirley McKinney	Regular Member		Quad 3
9	Shanay Settles	Regular Member		Quad 4
10	Aric Vaughn	Regular Member		Quad 5
11	Dennis McKinley	Regular Member		At-Large
12	Arniece Montgomery	Regular Member		At-Large
13	Hannah Frentz	Regular Member		At-Large
14	Damon Brown	Regular Member		At-Large
15	TBD	Youth Member		At-Large
16	Centhia Fleming	Alternate	Note: Non-voting	At-Large
17	Sherrill Cotton	Alternate	Note: Non-voting	At-Large

**6. Citizen Comment**

Janie Brown, 152 Ann Avenue, stated she was very pleased to see the outcome of the Advisory Committee elections. She also stated that this is a diverse group and she is looking forward to the outcomes of their effort as a resident in the NPC2 | Washington Heights area.

Pastor Monique French, WHUMC, thanked everyone for their due diligence in selecting the Advisory Committee.

**7. Board Member Comments & Announcements**

Lynn Ward Gray announced that the CCLBA Staff is planning an Advisory Committee Meet and Greet in April 2022, and that the community should look forward to an announcement about that.

Dr. Johnson asked what is next with regards to selecting the youth member of the Advisory Committee.

Ms. Trout-Edwards noted that the staff will be able to turn their attention to that effort now that the main elections process is completed. She also stated that the March 24<sup>th</sup> meeting is cancelled as we have completed the elections process for the Advisory committee.

**8. Adjournment**

*Dr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Ron Sweet seconded. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm.*

Next Meeting: To Be Scheduled

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