

Commission on the Status of Black Males Meeting

Agenda for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

This meeting will be held in the Hooker Conference Room (Suite 245), City Hall, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana and may also be accessed via zoom at the following link:

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Present in person: Dhakir, Diana, James, Patrick

Present on Zoom: Tyson

Agenda

1. Roll Call

- A. Verify quorum
 - a. Called to order at 5:55 p.m.
- B. Request for additional agenda items
- C. Introduction of Crystal Ritter as the new Safe and Civil City Director

2. Approval of Agenda and Memoranda/Minutes

- A.

3. Reports (if any)

- A. Chairperson's Report (James)
 - a. None
- B. Outstanding Black Leaders of Tomorrow
- C. Juneteenth
 - a. Dhakir and Patrick helped with Juneteenth set up
 - b. Would like to have a Black Barbershop Health in the future at the City's Juneteenth event.
 - c. Shatoyia recommended that Juneteenth would be a great event to promote any events that
 - d. Crystal to share photos from Juneteenth to the Commission
- D. National Million Father March
 - a. The event will be on Wednesday, Aug. 5 this year

- b. Dhakir emailed Dr. Winston about having the event at Fairview again this year.
 - c. The Commission would like to keep the event at Fairview for this year.
 - d. The Jotform registration form needs to be updated
 - i. We need to add a question about you verifying that individuals can be around kids
 - e. Press Release- to be drafted by the Commission
 - i. They would like to use the same as last year.
 - f. The Commission would like to order pom poms for the Million Father March from their budget.
- E. Black Male Youth Summit
- a. Shatoyia suggested Dr. Ledet from the IU School of Medicine to speak at the event.
 - b. The date for the Summit was set as Sept. 17, 2026, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m in Council Chambers
 - c. The theme suggested for the 2026 Summit is “Building the Blueprint: Architecting Our Future”
 - i. Everyone liked the theme
 - d. The Commission would like to include the Community and Family Resources Dept. interns, Jamari and Amare, to help with trivia and icebreakers at the Summit.
 - e. Crystal will reach out to Pizza X and Jimmy John’s to request a food donation.
 - f. James will follow up with the prospective speakers and ask them to send a bio, send the slides in Google Slides, a headshot, and instructions on where they can park.
 - g. The Commission would like to reach out to the Commission on the Status of Women or Divine 9 to help with the event.
 - h. The Commission discussed that adults were in the hallway chatting, which was problematic and distracting at last year’s event.
 - i. Toyia would like to see the Commissioners at the door checking people in.
 - j. MCCSC should be background checked again this year.
 - k. Roles for the Summit: James will do the Trivia, Patrick will emcee, Crystal will contact the schools and manage the tech for the event.
 - l. Crystal will reach out to LaSaundra from MCCSC to help get kids signed up.
 - m. We need to have a feedback survey, and it was suggested that we purchase candy to give to kids that complete the survey.
 - n. Crystal will check with Aubrey to see if the sponsor packet has gone out.

- o. James will work on a playlist of music for the event.
- F. Winter Wonderland
 - a. James will reach out to Erin at Banneker
 - b. We need a donation letter for this year.
 - c. Partnership with the Black Graduate Student Assoc. or the NAACP for gift donations

4. Old Business

- A. Juneteenth Celebration

5. New Business

- 1. National Million Father March
 - a. First Day of School for MCCSC is Wednesday, Aug. 5
 - b. Location and logistics
- 2. Commission Training

6. Adjournment

Board Membership

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Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
James Sanders	Dr. MLK Birthday Commission	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Patrick Smith	Mayor	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Dhakhir Abdullah	Mayor	2/1/2026	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Tyson Coe	Mayor	10/16/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Siddhu McLeod	Common Council	2/1/2026	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Diana Opata	Common Council	2/5/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Vacant	Bloomington Human Rights Commission	-	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028

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