

Race Equity Advisory Council

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Time: 6-8 p.m.

Location: NorthPoint Conference Center

Council members present: Ralph Yehle, Josephine Thao, Paola Ehrmantraut, April Salchert, Susan McPherson, Samba Fall

Council members not present: Jigar Mistry, Raquel Jarabek, Bill Tipping, Yolanda Rogers, Olufunso Oresanya, Esther Mwangi

County Staff: Vernona Boswell, Alison Weiler

Notes

Due to low attendance, the group was unable to make quorum. Votes were unable to be completed this month.

Summary of discussion

- The group shared an interest in learning about the REIT tool and hearing about data is gathered.
- Vice-chair, Susan, brought forward the civil rights complaint that was filed against Hennepin and Ramsey Counties for failing to address overpopulation of African American children in the child welfare system. A bill is currently going through the state system. The members present would like to write a letter to the commissioners on this topic and how they plan to respond.