

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission Meeting

**Wednesday, August 26, 2026, 6:00 P.M.
Bloomington City Hall, 401 North Morton Street**

This meeting will be held in the Allison Conference Room (Suite 225), City Hall, 401 N. Morton St) and may also be accessed via zoom at the following link:
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Materials for this meeting can be found on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Commission's website, which is located at the following address:

<https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/mlk>

Agenda

1. Introductions / Call to Order - 6:09 P.M.

- A. Present: Latonya Wilson (Virtual), Lena Renae' Williams (Virtual), Julie Roberts, Brittany King, Gloria Howell, Aubrey Seader (Staff Liaison)
- B. Absent: James Sanders

2. Approval of Agenda and Memoranda/Minutes

- A. [July 2026 Meeting Minutes](#) - Minutes Approved
 - a. Reminder from July that we have to have a quorum in order to do anything. That's 4 people present, majority in-person.

3. Reports (if any)

- A. Staff Liaison Report
 - a. Work on MLK 2027 event
 - i. Aubrey prepared an overview that the commissioners received via Google Drive and in person.
 - b. When would a separate event about Sandra Chapman's book take place? Lots of folks will be prepping for Black History Month in January and may not be able to come.
 - c. Could we create a proposal to the Black History Month committee to do this separate Q&A with Sandra?
 - i. Possibly Dr. Lenore asking questions to Sandra. Possibly a Morgenstern's Book Talk event.

- d. Aubrey will start working through the approved items in the overview
- B. NAACP Report
 - a. Freedom Schools - Resilience collaboration update
 - i. 5 events between now and the end of 2026.
 - ii. On September 13 we'll have a Parent Meeting at the Public Library. Physical flyers have gone out and the digital ones will go out tomorrow. (Brittany and Julie brought some physical ones).
 - iii. September 27 - Kid meeting/first class. First Presbyterian church will be the orientation and first meeting, with presentations, games, treats, etc. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
 - iv. Resilience Productions - October 4, 2026 at 3pm. 16 tickets to *Tomorrow's Century*, paid for by NAACP.
 - v. November 7, at 7:30pm. Potpourri of the Arts at IU Auditorium.
 - vi. Hoping for 2 lessons in January.
 - b. NAACP is moving back to Second Baptist Church on September 14, 2026. The date was moved due to Labor Day. Still at 6:30 p.m.
- C. CSBM Report
 - a. Million Father March, Black Male Summit
- D. Public Comment
 - a. No public present, no public comment.

4. Old Business

- A. MLK 2027 Event Planning Updates
 - a. IU Black History Month theme is similar to our theme for MLK
 - b. Contacting potential speakers
 - c. Meeting with collaborators

5. New Business

- A. Umoja Day booth staffing
 - a. We cleared up some questions about the time and location of the event and where to meet. Aubrey will send out details in a final pre-event email to Julie and Lena.

6. Adjournment

Board Membership

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Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
James Sanders	Common Council	2/1/2026	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028

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Brittany King	Mayor	4/30/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Latonya Wilson	Common Council	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Gloria Howell	Mayor	2/1/2024	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Julie Roberts	Monroe County NAACP	2/1/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Lena Renae Williams	Mayor	6/1/2026	6/1/2026 to 5/31/2028
Vacant	Common Council	-	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028

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