

Commission on the Status of Black Males Meeting

Public Notice and Agenda for Wednesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m.

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

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As a quorum of this Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.

Materials for this meeting can be found on the Commission on the Status of Black Males' website, which is located at the following address:

bloomington.in.gov/boards/status-of-black-males

Board Membership

Pursuant to applicable law and policy, and in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-9-6, the following details are provided regarding the officers serving on this committee:

Board Member	Appointed By	Appointment Date	Term
James Sanders	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 1/31/2026
Diana Opata	Common Council	2/5/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Tyson Coe	Mayor	10/16/2025	2/1/2025 to 1/31/2027
Vivian Akinwekomi	Human Rights Commission	8/17/2026	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028
Vacant	Common Council	-	2/1/2026 to 1/31/2028

Agenda

1. Roll Call

- A. Chair calls the meeting to order

2. Approval of Agenda and Memoranda/Minutes

A. [Sept. 9 Meeting Minutes](#)

3. Reports (if any)

A. Staff Liaison (Marissa)

- a. Rescheduling the Nov. 11 Meeting - this date is Veterans Day, a City holiday, and City Hall will be closed.
- b. City Council is voting on a new member for the CSBM at their meeting this evening. If approved, this will fill our last vacancy on the Commission.
 - i. Justus Belton - Justus Belton received the Outstanding Black Leader of Tomorrow Award in 2020.

B. Public/Public Comment

4. Old Business

A. Black Male Summit

- a. Review of feedback and commissioner notes from the BMYS

5. New Business

1. Winter Wonderland

- a. This year's event is Saturday, Dec. 12 from 12-3 p.m. at Banneker
- b. There will be toy drive boxes for Winter Wonderland at the NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet, and the NMBCC is hosting a toy drive for Winter Wonderland in November.
- c. Santa - We started this discussion at that last meeting.
- d. Andre Arnold has volunteered to be the photographer this year. He photographed the event in 2024.
- e. Laila, the Safe and Civil City Intern, and two R410 students, Emily and Sarah, have been working on planning activities and crafts for the event.

6. Adjournment

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