



Leesburg Diversity Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room 1
Leesburg Town Hall • 25 West Market Street

Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order
- Approval of Electronic Participation (if necessary)
- Commissioner Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of February 7, 2024 Meeting
- Petitioners
- Commissioner Comments
- Council Member Comments
- Staff Reports
 - Public Information Office
 - Police Department
- Chair Comments
- New Business
 - Q&A with Arc of Loudoun (Renss Greene, Director of Marketing and Communications)
 - Q&A with Equality Loudoun (Candice Tuck, President)
- Adjournment

**Leesburg Diversity Commission
February 7, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Leesburg Town Hall, Lower Level Conference Room 1

Commissioners Present: Devon Carter
Enrique Gonzalez
Melissa Simonetta
Edgard Segura
Vanessa Borg
Lisa Marie Barrick

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Kelly Burk
Public Information Officer Kara Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Sgt. Wael Abilmona, Leesburg Police Department

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda:

- Agenda was approved as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Borg.

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the January 10, 2024, regular meeting were approved as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Segura, seconded by Commissioner Barrick.

Q&A with Mayor Burk:

- Mayor Burk introduced herself to commissioners, and vice versa. Mayor Burk gave a brief history of how the Commission got its beginning and provided the Commission with an update on several items, including Meet the Mayor outreach and the pending relocation of Refugee Resettlement to Leesburg. Commissioners asked the Mayor several questions on a variety of topics.

Staff Report

- Ms. Rodriguez noted that the Commission still has one vacancy and encouraged Commissioners to reach out to anyone who may be interested in filling that role. She also asked about scheduling upcoming speakers for 2024 Commission meetings.

Old Business

- **MLK March (debrief):** Commissioner Gonzalez said the MLK March was a good event, with more than 1,000 in attendance. Sgt. Abilmona concurred.

Other Business

- **Commissioner Borg** announced that she and her husband will soon be opening a downtown business named CRAFT, an arts and crafts shop and workshop space.
- **Commissioner Barrick** wished everyone a Happy Lunar New Year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 13, at 7 p.m.