



Leesburg Diversity Commission Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 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)
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - Minutes of March 13, 2024 Meeting
- Petitioners
- Commissioner Comments
- Council Member Comments
- Staff Reports
 - Public Information Office
 - Police Department
- Chair Comments
- New Business
 - FY24 Budget – Bablic Website Language Plug-In
 - Presentation and attendance for Boards/Commissions Networking Event
- Upcoming Events
 - Boards/Commissions Networking Event – April 29 @ 6 p.m.
 - Loudoun Latino Festival – May 5 @ 12-5 p.m.
- Adjournment

**Leesburg Diversity Commission
March 13, 2024
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Leesburg Town Hall, Lower-Level Conference Room 1

Commissioners Present: Devon Carter
Enrique Gonzalez
Melissa Simonetta
Lisa Marie Horvatinovich
Vanessa Borg
Ana Quijano
Edgard Segura (electronically)

Commissioners Absent: None

Others Present: Renss Greene, Arc of Loudoun
Candice Tuck, Equality Loudoun
Public Information Officer Kara Rodriguez, Staff Liaison
Sgt. Wael Abilmona, Leesburg Police Department
Leesburg Boy Scout and father

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Electronic Participation:

- On a motion by Commissioner Simonetta, seconded by Commissioner Horvatinovich, Commissioner Segura was approved to participate in the meeting electronically.

Commissioner Introductions

- New Commissioner Ana Quijano introduced herself to the Commission, and the Commissioners also offered their introductions.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of Minutes:

- The minutes of the February 7, 2024, regular meeting were approved as presented, on a motion by Commissioner Borg, seconded by Commissioner Horvatinovich.

Staff Report

- Ms. Rodriguez let Commissioners know about the upcoming Board/Commission Networking Event scheduled for Monday, April 29. She explained a bit about the event to those who had not attended previously and encouraged all to attend if possible. She said now that the Commission has full membership she would take a group photo at the Commission's April meeting. She said Sgt. Abilmona was not able to attend the meeting (though he did arrive after her comments) so she let the Commission know about the upcoming Playground with the Police which she would email further details about.

New Business

- **Arc of Loudoun:** Renss Greene, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Arc of Loudoun, gave a presentation on the nonprofit's programs, outreach, and initiatives. Commissioners asked questions following his presentation.
- **Equality Loudoun:** Candice Tuck, President and Executive Director of Equality Loudoun, gave a presentation on the nonprofit's programs, outreach, and initiatives. Commissioners asked questions following her presentation.

Other Business

- **Commissioner Gonzalez** asked the Boy Scout who was attending the meeting to earn his communications badge to introduce himself. The Scout asked questions of the Commission. Chair Carter offered a brief history of how the Commission was created.
- **Chair Carter** asked for support from the Commission to consider a motion to request that the Commission's remaining Fiscal Year 2024 funds be put towards the Bablic website language support plug-in sought in the Fiscal Year 2025 Commission budget proposal. Ms. Rodriguez explained the process for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025 budget consideration and adoption by the Town Council, and also the process that the Council would consider this funding request. All Commissioners supported the funding request.
- **Commissioner Horvatinovich** asked for an update regarding the relocation of the Afghan Refugee Resettlement Office to Leesburg. Ms. Rodriguez promised to email an update.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m.