



ONE ATLANTA:
Mayor's Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
LGBTQ Affairs

**LGBTQ Advisory Board to Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms
Inaugural Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Atlanta City Hall
Committee Room 2
55 Trinity Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30303

Composed of citywide leaders and advocates, the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board will make recommendations to the Mayor that will help shape the City's policies and engagements with Atlanta's LGBTQ communities and serve as a bridge between City Hall and LGBTQ residents.

Agenda:

1. Welcome remarks

2. Introductions; name & affiliations:

Attendees, City of Atlanta:

Rashad Taylor, Chief Equity Officer and Counselor to the Mayor

Reese McCranie, Deputy Chief Equity Officer, One Atlanta: Mayor's Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Malik Brown, LGBTQ Affairs Coordinator, One Atlanta: Mayor's Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Javier Brown, Legislative Manager, One Atlanta: Mayor's Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion

Michael Smith, Press Secretary, Mayor's Office of Communications

Jabu Sengova, Ethics Officer, City of Atlanta Ethics Office

Janet Keen, Ethics Analyst, City of Atlanta Ethics Office

Attendees, Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board:

Kia Barnes, Community Organizer

Emily Halden Brown, Atlanta Coalition for LGBTQ Youth (ACFLY)

State Representative Park Cannon, GA House District 58

Richard Cherskov, Former Owner, Jungle Atlanta

Gabrielle Claiborne (*via phone*), Co-Founder, Transformation Journeys Worldwide

Paul Conroy, Founder, Out Front Theatre

Tori Cooper, Prevention Specialist, Positive Impact Health Centers

Lisa Cunningham, CEO, Atlanta Film Partners

Jamie Fergerson, Executive Director, Atlanta Pride

Jeff Graham, Executive Director, Georgia Equality

Colton Griffin, LGBT Caucus Chair, Democratic Party of Georgia

Roshelle Darlene Hudson, MSW, Co-Founder, Annual Rustin/Lorde Breakfast

Rabbi Joshua Lesser, Founder, Southern Jewish Resource Network (SOJOURN)

Tracee McDaniel (*via phone*), Executive Director, Juxtaposed Center for Transformation

Rev. Dr. Joshua M. Noblitt (*via phone*), Saint Mark United Methodist Church

Matt Parkey, Board Chair, AID Atlanta

Philip Rafshoon, Former Owner, OutWrite Book Store & Coffeehouse

Kirk Rich, Principal, Avison Young

Ryan Roemerman, Founding Executive Director, LGBT Institute

Jonathan Russell, Director of Development, Woodruff Health Sciences Center

Brigid Scarbrough, National Board of Governors, Human Rights Campaign

Fred Smith, Atlanta Leadership Circle, Lambda Legal

Rickie Smith, President, In the Life Atlanta

Pam Stewart, Board of Directors, GLAAD

Feroza Syed, Trans Activist

Kelly Wentworth, Muslims for Progressive Values

3. Discussions on Board Structure & Working Groups

- **Working Groups**

- *Based on discussion among the group, the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board decided on five priority areas to initially focus on. Each priority will have a working group to support the goals of the priority area.*

- Initial priority areas of the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Board are:

- LGBTQ Youth
- LGBTQ Health
- Trans Affairs
- LGBTQ Arts, Culture & Entertainment
- LGBTQ Economic & Community Development

- **Expectations for Working Group Co-Chairs + Next Steps**

- *Board co-chairs, Pam Stewart & Kirk Rich, spoke about the expectations for board members, especially working group co-chairs.*

- **Expectations include**

- **Monthly executive committee call for board co-chairs and working group co-chairs**
- **Each member of the board be actively engaged in the board's work**
- **Quarterly full board meetings.**

4. Deep Dive, Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index

- **From the Human Rights Campaign:** The Municipal Equality Index (MEI) examines how inclusive municipal laws, policies, and services are of LGBTQ people who live and work there. Cities are rated based on non-discrimination laws, the municipality as an employer, municipal services, law enforcement and the city leadership's public position on equality.
- In 2017, the City of Atlanta received a perfect score on the MEI.

5. Public Comment

6. Adjournment