



Planning Meeting of the Equity Council Committee

Agenda

1/21/2024

450 Park Place

Lexington, Kentucky 40511

Meeting Location: Virtual

6:30 PM

"The Mission of the Equity Council is to monitor and analyze equity issues, advise the Fayette County Board of Education and advocate for achievement for ALL students."

EQUITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Appointed Thru December 2025	Elected Thru December 2025
Vacant (Chair Tyler Murphy), Dr. Rania Belmadani (Amy Green) Trace Williams (Penny Christian) Scott Horn (Monica Mundy) Vacant (Amanda Ferguson)	Camisha Boyd-Powell (Chair) Bret Nathaniel (Vice Chair) Dr. Anthony Everett Kevin Thomas Shiretha Chantal Jeanette Hart

I. Routine Matters:

- a. Roll Call - Lizzie Coffey
- b. Reading of Mission Statement
- c. Acknowledgment of **Guiding Principles: All Acknowledged**
- d. Welcome of guests: Dorian, Hayden
- e. Public Participation/Comment(s): None

II. Action Items

- a. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion: Rania Belmadani
 - 2nd: Dr. Everett
 - All Approved
 - Motion Carries

III. Discussion Items

- a. Introduce new members
 - 2 new members: Scott Horn & Trace Williams
- b. ECC Letter Calibration
 - Petition to not renew Dr. Liggins contract has been published
 - wanted to make a letter listing the facts instead of feelings and untrue statements
 - SC: One of the reasons I joined and supportive of Dr. Liggins



- Kevin Thomas: Also supportive of renewal of Dr. Liggins contract.
- Camisha Boyd Powell: the piece also attacked DEI and as a committee we need to speak up
- Rania Belmadani: I agree with colleagues and based on data
- Brett Nathaniel: unfortunately this is about race, based on our sketchy history in america
- Soraya Matthews: shared some of the accomplishments of Dr. Liggins
- Trace Williams: in his experience when it gets to the part about his race, they will claim the ecc played the "race card" and we should be ready to respond
- Camisha Boyd Powell: Understands but feels its necessary to call it what it is
- Dr. Everett: In favor as well
- Kevin Thomas: The school district is not all white kids and they deserve to be represented
- Motion: Dr. Everett motions to submit the op-ed to all major media including the Herald Leader and make a statement at the next board meeting
- 2nd Rania Belmadani
- All in favor
- None opposed
- Motion Carries
- Discussion:
 - Dr. Everett will read the op-ed at the meeting
 - As many that can come to the board meeting should
 - Members of the ECC will stand with Dr. Everett as he reads
 - Camisha Boyd Powell: Dr Liggins has received death threats and that shouldn't happen when you are just trying to do your job and doing it well
 - Jeanette: We are just coming into the new administration and worried about calling him a strong DEI advocate and doing more harm than good
 - Camisha Boyd Powell: will change some DEI language in the body of the op-ed but not the title

IV. Other Communication

a. Announcements:

- Raaziq el Amin- is stepping away from the ECC due to other commitments

V. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Rania Belmadani
- b. 2nd: Dr. Everett
- c. All Approved



- d. Motion Carries
- e. Adjourned at: 7:49pm

