Black Historical and Cultural Studies Advisory Committee Meeting

4/27/26

Dr. Hartman started the meeting at 7:04 pm

Present:

Rep. Regina English	Sen. Tony Exum	Fernando Branch
Shirley Martinez	Alexander Pittman	Khadija Haynes
Alysia Bellamy	Jaleesa McIntosh	Nick Psarakis
Jahi Simbai	Jameka Lewis	Jamal Skinner
Stephanie Hartman	Shelly Ramos	

Not Present:

Dr. Floyd Cobb	Dr. Biaze Houston

Policies & Procedures

Dr. Hartman started the meeting with introductions. Following introductions, she asked the committee if there were any questions or discussion regarding the Policies and Procedures.

Jameka Lewis moved to adopt the Policies and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Alysia Bellamy.

Meeting Options

Dr. Hartman led a discussion on the idea of holding optional Saturday committee meetings. She explained the following:

- Meetings could be held in Central Denver
- Following up with shorter, optional virtual meetings for those who wanted to be updated on the work that took place over the weekend
- Saturday meetings would allow the work to move faster

Jameka Lewis asked if there would be a hybrid option for Saturday meetings. Alysia Bellamy expressed support for having a hybrid option on Saturdays. Khadija Haynes stated that she could not commit to Saturdays without more details.

Ms. Haynes asked questions about the roles and responsibilities of CDE staff and the committee co-chairs.

There was general consensus that in-person Saturday meetings with a hybrid option was worth pursuing.

Quorum Requirement for Meetings

Ms. Haynes asked if there was a requirement to have a quorum for committee meetings. Ms. Ramos explained that the committee's Policies and Procedures do not require a quorum. She also explained how the committee might amend the Policies and Procedures to add that requirement.

The committee discussed whether to add a quorum requirement to the Policies and Procedures for the committee. There was discussion of whether a quorum requirement would apply to Saturday hybrid meetings.

Ms. Haynes moved to amend the prior vote to add Policies and Procedures to add a requirement for a quorum of 50%+1 of committee members to make any binding decision. The vote carried unanimously.

Landscape of Colorado's School System

Dr. Hartman shared a brief overview of the landscape of Colorado public schools, including graduation requirements, enrollment numbers, classification of districts, student demographics, etc.

Rep. Regina English made a recommendation that all committee meetings be recorded.

Resource Collection for Resource Bank

Dr. Hartman provided an overview of the spreadsheet where suggested resources will be documented. Committee members asked questions and made suggestions about the spreadsheet.

- Ms. McIntosh suggested adding separate tabs for each category and creating a summary tab that summarizes the resources identified under each tab.
- Ms. Haynes asked for clarification on the request of committee members during this meeting. Alex Pittman asked whether once a resource was added by a committee member there would be a review and approval of the resource

- Ms. McIntosh recommended adding a category for African American history and the arts and sciences. The committee discussed this and other changes to the spreadsheet.

Next Steps

Rep. English asked about future meeting dates and times, including the hybrid Saturday meetings. Dr. Hartman stated that she will send out a poll to determine availability..

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34.