

Racial Justice Statistics Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Approved January 10th, 2025

November 1st, 2024
3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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Meeting ID: 230 352 635 879

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Members present: Mia Schultz (NAACP), Andrew Laing, Breanna Sheehan (VCNAA)
Reverend Mark Hughes (RJA), Marita Canedo (Migrant Justice)

Members absent: AALV Inc., Outright Vermont

Guests present: Xusana Davis (ORE), Grace Ahmed (RJA)

Meeting Summary

Xusana outlined the DRJS's mandate to collect and analyze data, collaborate with law enforcement, and provide monthly reports to the advisory council and annual reports to the legislature. The RJSAC will advise on compliance, evaluate data, and offer reports to RDAP, receiving necessary support. Further discussion centered around how the Council could best support the Division's work, with an emphasis on offering feedback, identifying gaps, and avoiding redundancy. It was agreed that communication should be streamlined with the possibility of roles beyond the chair being established to ensure effective coordination. Breanna volunteered as Chair and was voted in by consensus. Additionally, the group discussed a webpage for the RJSAC on the ORE website and communication channels to facilitate ongoing collaboration. Before closing out the meeting, the Council discussed the importance of analyzing and interrogating trends in racial disparities in the criminal and juvenile justice systems and gathering community feedback to inform their efforts.

Public Comment

Grace introduced herself, her work experience and interests, and her current volunteer work with the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance which brought her to the meeting.

Adjournment