

Global Black Caucus Steering Committee Minutes
Saturday, December 3, 2022

Present:

Leedonal Moore (Jazz) Chair
Laura Allen (Deputy Secretary)
Starla (Star) Goggins (Secretary)
Adrienne Johnson (Advisory/Liaison)
Natalie Bachiri (Reparations Deputy)
Beverle Lax (Library)

Regrets:

Adrienne George, (DNC BC Rep)
Twanna Hines (Health and Equity)
Antar Keith (Reparations)
Malaika Kusumi (Communications)
Traci Möller (Media Relations)
Andrew Morgan (Legal Counsel Deputy)
Michele O'Brian (Legal Advisor)
Renee Rousseau (Networking Deputy)
Cedric Sumo (Press Media Relations)

Announcements

-The GBCSC Vice Chair position remains open and members are encouraged to assist Jazz with the search

Guest Speaker: Karen Frankenstien, Global Caucuses Secretary for DA

- role is to help make things easier for caucuses i.e what works, what would work better
- communicates with other caucuses to help as needed

Committee comments/requests to Karen:

- help relate to other caucuses the importance of the Black Caucus vote
- educate others on the social and political work of the GBC
- promote awareness of our role to other DA leaders, DA membership, Democratic Party,
- help reflect our goals and histories in Democrat Bills/Policies
- assist Caucus with resources, planning and strategies with other Country Committees, promoting positive image of GBC
- communicating directly with GBC
- promote support from other Caucuses towards building and facilitating community

Karen congratulated the GBC on their leadership work, successes, events like 'Portugal Unstoppable Blue Wave' event and fundraiser, and the way we relate to each other. GBC was invited to contact Karen when needed at Caucus Help Desk

The Committee thanked Karen very much for sharing time with us

Reports

- Laura was invited to give a follow up on her trip to a New Orleans event in our next report
- GBCSC members self-reported on voting

Fundraising

- We did well although we did not reach our target

Communication

- Our Newsletter has a high readership rate, but links are not often opened

Reparations

Natalie reported:

- meeting was held, information shared, guest speakers were invited, HR40 continuity encouraged for future progress
- work with other organizations in progress, more input from other groups needed, Oklahoma outreach is an example
- legislators being contacted to ask Biden to put Reparation Justice orders in place, advocates requested to give input towards bi-partisan participation, more social media representation, information communication and encourage global support
- ongoing events , involvement with Black History events, overall more outreach on what Reparations means, i.e with UN
- GBC Newsletter with Reparations content, Natalie and Antar will send articles to Jazz

Engagement

-No events are currently planned, DA China is in progress

Library

-Beverle reported that work remains in progress

NEXT MEETING SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2023 10:00 EST/U.S. time

This will be a three-hour work session, members may send any information to Jazz via email prior to the meeting.