

## DA Global Black Caucus Steering Committee Minutes

July 10, 2022

### Present:

Leedonal Moore (Jazz) Chair

Laura Allen (Deputy Secretary)

Natalie Bachiri (Reparations Deputy)

Starla (Star) Goggins (Secretary)

Adrienne Johnson (Advisory/Liaison)

Malaika Kusumi (Communications)

James Lockett (Vice-Chair)

Michele O'Brian (Legal Advisor)

### Regrets:

Adrienne George, (DNC BC Rep)

Antar Keith (Reparations)

Andrew Morgan (Legal Counsel Deputy)

Joy Notoma (Engagement Deputy)

Evelyn Riera (Communications Deputy)

Rene Rousseau (Networking Deputy)

Cedric Sumo (Press Media Relations)

Jazz has been appointed Secretary, Democrats Abroad International and was energetically congratulated by Caucus. Jazz thanked us for our support and encouraged the Caucus to attend International, and other DA meetings as guest.

Traci is on leave from Caucus until further notice. Cedric will continue the role.

Implementation of the new GBC logo remains in progress

The Caucus discussed faster ways to communicate, and the majority voted for using WhatsApp. Jazz will set up the group communication.

Democrats Abroad Canada Black Caucus (DACABC) report: Star and Laura THANKED Jazz for the beautiful logo designed, and reported that the Juneteenth introductory zoom went well.

However, our Country tech team was still in the process of setting up our e-mail address/contact information so that members could join. The Canada Black Caucus Steering Committee was very disappointed about having to cancel their Summer Summit zoom on Voter Suppression due to same-day competing Country plans for launching GOTV, Pride, and Dial-In For Democracy campaigns. The GBCSC strongly encouraged the Canada Black Caucus to be proactive in carrying out events and initiatives towards the importance of the DA Black vote and ensured the complete support of the GBC. The DACABC thanked the GBC. We also had a very good Pride Weekend in-person meeting and patio lunch with our Steering Committee member from Montreal and a member from Toronto.

Report from James: the Juneteenth event went well in Hong Kong, Get Out The Vote (GOTV) was promoted and remains on-going, a guest speaker participated, James is pursuing WebEx training in order to host future events. Unfortunately, Black Lives

Matter (BLM) is being disbanded in the Asia Pacific Region (AP) due to several members returning home. The GBC is encouraged to attend James' events in support.

Communication: DA media training will be held July 12th, 9AM EDT and July 20<sup>th</sup>, links were posted, Malaika will try to attend the 'user friendly' sessions. Creating GBC Post Cards with GOTV messaging remains in progress.

Adrienne report: a DA Juneteenth Celebration was held at the UK Embassy and included a speaker, ideas for other events were shared, and acknowledgements were extended to the Embassy for being proactive.

Malaika report: work with Andrew continues, communication initiatives on GOTV are in progress, volunteers encouraged.

Natilie report: continues work with Antar, Press Relations/ Media activities are in progress including a film on reparations "Big Payback", team meets in Berlin July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew sent regrets to the meeting, and is following up with Jazz on legal counsel activities.

Rene sent regrets to the meeting and is following up with Jazz on networking activities.

Engagement report: link posted regarding recorded interview with Ambassador Levine Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, a link was posted for July 13<sup>th</sup> 'Meet the Florida Candidates'.

Fundraising report: GBC Summer Summit raised \$170.22 with 77 callers from 21 countries.

GOTV report: volunteers invited to help with the design of GBC Postcards, Malaika volunteered to help.

Special Teams report: Adrienne Johnson and Adrienne George are working together on a library project including video archives and list along with other initiatives. Laura and Natalie are working on the White Paper project, data gathering is in progress, August 1<sup>st</sup> is the planned start date. Veterans are carrying out an outreach BIPOC project to encourage voting.

Jazz discussed the idea of an August meeting break. MOTION by Malaika for GBCSC August meeting break with project work continuing. SECONDED by James. CARRIED with 2 abstentions.

Ideas, Thoughts, Requests: more connections with Country Caucuses as outreach, considering time zone differences for video 'meet and greet'. Outreach to U.S. university students studying abroad. African Committees including South Africa are in contact with Jazz for possible event planning. Caribbean outreach is in progress. Event to address racial profiling is being discussed, date to be announced.

**NEXT DAGBCSC** (Democrats Abroad Global Black Caucus Steering Committee) **MEETING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

