

Global Black Caucus Steering Committee Minutes  
Saturday, April 1, 2023

Present:

Leedonal Moore (Jazz) Chair  
Starla (Star) Goggins (Secretary)  
Adrienne Johnson (Advisory/Liaison)  
Natalie Bachiri (Reparations Deputy)  
Malaika Kusumi (Communications)  
  
Beverle Lax (Library)  
Evelyn Riera (Comms Deputy and Engagement)

Regrets:

Laura Allen (Deputy Secretary)  
Jennifer Edwards (GBC Co-Chair)  
Adrienne George, (DNC BC Rep)  
Twanna Hines (Health and Equity)  
Antar Keith (Reparations)  
  
Traci Möller (Media Relations)  
  
Andrew Morgan (Legal Counsel Deputy)  
Michele O'Brian (Legal Advisor)  
  
Renee Rousseau (Networking Deputy)  
Cedric Sumo (Press Media Relations)

Guest: The Committee welcomed Mohammed Ahmed, DA Kenya, votes in Ohio. It was good to have youth representation sit in on a meeting to learn about our work and role in DA.

-The Newsletter was sent out Friday

-Jazz met with Jaimie Harrison virtually discussing the goals of

the GBC, support was encouraged. Jazz will work with her group as part of the team towards outreach and resources. The group thanked Jazz.

-Evelyn reported that Jazz will send social media information. Jazz created a Black Twitter account, participation on social media is encouraged. Evelyn will send out social media messages to encourage interest and support for the GBC initiatives.

-Jazz will send out a survey

-Medical care challenges in the LGBTQ community were discussed. Tawana is planning a presentation on personal stories.

-Jazz met with Byron Wilson and discussed growing Black wealth, a panel discussion to present to Congress is in session

-Jazz met with the DA Germany group, it was very enjoyable

-A Washington DC event is planned, volunteers are welcome

-Jazz spoke with Antar regarding Reparations

-Evelyn requested minutes of the Canada Black Caucus session held last year on 'Voter Suppression - Sharing Personal Stories'. Star and Laura will follow up.

-Beverle reported that the Library work remains ongoing, updates will be added, Kenya DA remains active in event participation, DPCA candidates were discussed, Beverle was congratulated on being re-elected to DA Kenya.

-Congratulations were extended to Malaika for being DPCA voting Rep and Chair giving representation to the GBC, ensuring Black recognition and visibility of our role among DA Global Caucuses at the AGM.

-Jazz represented on behalf of the Canada Black Caucus and reminded the meeting that Black Caucus votes 'win Blue'.

-May 9, 2023 a racial profiling event will be held in Frankfurt

-Natalie reported that voter suppression continues to take place in the U.S., continues outreach events supporting Reparations and engaging political representation. A narrative video on Black and BIPOC experiences was suggested, Laura will be asked to help in planning.

The Committee discussed ideas to improve Black participation and challenges faced by underrepresented groups through education on inclusion, Black youth inclusion.

-Jazz is participating in a film event

-Jazz will try to meet with Obama if he visits Zurich and hopes to discuss outreach to youth, and the work of the DA GBC

NEXT MEETING: MAY 7, 2023 10:00 HOURS est