



2nd Quarterly Meeting
June 18, 2020

10:00 am – 12:30 pm
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Note: The following is a summary of the highlights of the proceedings and is not intended to be construed as a transcript. Please visit www.flgov.com/fbcb for more information or contact Savannah Vickery at Savannah.Vickery@eog.myflorida.com or 850-717-9261.

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members in attendance:

- Dr. Jerry Haag – Chair
- Mr. Calvin Martin – Vice-Chair
- Ms. Nancy Acevedo
- Mr. Richard Albertson
- Pastor Kirt Anderson
- Mr. Wallace Brown
- Ms. Trenia Cox
- Reverend Perry Davis
- Mr. Erik Dellenback
- Mr. Chad Garmon
- Pastor Scott George
- Dr. Rosby Glover
- Mr. Rolando Gonzalez
- Dr. Gretchen Kerr
- Pastor Pam Olsen
- Pastor Carl Reeves
- Pastor Marcus Smith
- Ms. Patricia Smith
- Mr. Gary Tester
- Mr. Barry Webster
- Rabbi Yosef Weinstock
- Pastor Blaine Whitt
- Pastor Reno Zunz

Florida Faith-Based and Community-Based Advisory Council Members unable to attend:

- Pastor Gerard Duncan
- Rabbi Pinchas Taylor



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PROCEEDINGS

Agenda Item	Summary
<p>Call to Order and Welcome</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Dr. Jerry Haag called the meeting to order and welcomed members and participants to the virtual meeting of the Council. • The roll was called by Ms. Jessica Collins-Jones, with the Governor’s Office of Adoption and Child Protection, and a quorum was confirmed.
<p>Invocation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Dr. Rosby Glover provided the Invocation.
<p>Approval of 1st Quarterly Meeting Summary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were provided a digital copy of the January 2020 meeting summary for review prior to the virtual meeting. • When called for, no edits or changes to the meeting summary were provided. • Member Gary Tester motioned to approve the meeting summary and was seconded by Member Richard Albertson. • With no additional discussion, members voted to approve the January 2020 meeting summary.
<p>Announcements and Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair Calvin Martin provided the following announcements and updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Legislative Updates</u> – provided the status of four legislative bills supported by the Council as of the January 2020 meeting. ○ <u>Florida National Day of Prayer</u> – acknowledged the efforts of Member Pastor Pam Olsen, who shared a brief summary of the event and speakers. ○ <u>Public Awareness Topics</u> - highlighted the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hurricane Season 2020 ▪ Reunification Month ▪ Elder Abuse Awareness Day ▪ Child Safety and Well-being ▪ Summer Safety (Water Safety and Hot Cars) ○ <u>Governor’s Faith and Community-Based Initiative</u> – highlighted outreach efforts through the initiative and asked members to continue encouraging faith and community organizations to access the website to share more about their organization and the vulnerable populations they serve.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Census 2020 – highlighted its importance to federal dollars provided to our state and ability to increase the state’s voice in Washington, D.C. Asked members to complete their census if they haven’t already done so and to encourage others to do the same.
<p style="text-align: center;">Promoting Peace and Unity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Haag provided a brief overview of the topic and encouraged members to share perspectives and recommendations for action by the Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Also shared an infographic on Equality versus Equity to assist members with their understanding. ● Chair Haag encouraged members to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and to be slow to become angry. He also stated that if we don’t listen to each other, how can we carry someone’s burdens? He went on to say that racial distinctiveness is ok unless it leads to prejudice. ● Vice-Chair Martin shared that he has been in contact with DCF on how they can help foster families build a platform for discussion around anxiety-inducing events and uncomfortable discussions. He also shared that DJJ is starting an event called the “Race Equity Challenge”. Vice-Chair Martin also shared that several counties have reached out to him with requests of racial bias training. ● Member Trenia Cox stated that the answer to systemic racism is equity, public accountability and recognizing that every human is deserving of humane treatment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When asked for clarification on the term, “systemic racism”, by Member Reno Zunz, Member Cox responded that it can be understood as policy practices that enable one race to have privileges and opportunities that others are denied. ○ Vice-Chair Martin added that it can also be found in housing where throughout history, [policies] remain today. ● Member Olsen stated that she called several black pastors and asked them to just talk to her so that she could listen. She emphasized that the Council needs to pray, listen, be a voice. ● Member Pastor Scott George asked the Council, “how can people who don’t look like you, experience you?” He shared a recent experience of talking with a black repairman in his home and letting him know that he is loved.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Member Nancy Acevedo shared that leadership, understanding, and compassion are very important. She went on to say that despite the negativity toward law enforcement, unity remains.• Member Pat Smith encouraged the Council that if they see something, to say something, especially if it pertains to racism.• Member Pastor Carl Reeves shared his experiences of racism involving law enforcement and asked that his Caucasian peers speak to him about what they are thinking and feeling. He also stated that we overcome evil with good and we can build on the commonality of loving God.• Member Gary Tester shared that everyone experiences trauma, but that we experience different traumas, especially systemic racism.• Member Dr. Rosby Glover, stated he had met with different leaders in the faith and law enforcement communities and talked about what needs to change. He commented that there needs to be a change of heart and more education on these issues.• Member Olsen asked to hear from Member Erik Dellenback on what he and the Governor are doing about these situations.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Member Dellenback commented on the importance of love and good deeds which provides the action to the love. He stated the reason our hearts hurt when we hear the troubling stories of our fellow council members is because there is a form of love that we feel for each other. He shared his experience of running Night to Shine for the Tim Tebow Foundation and seeing ignorance among people seeing people with mental illness and how it might relate to ignorance relating to racism.• Chair Haag asked the Council Members if they had any recommendations for the Council.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Member Pastor Marcus Smith suggested that the Council continue to have discussions in their community and learn more about and from each other.○ Member Olsen suggested that a statement be made by the Council and be signed by everyone in standing together to promote racial equality and equity.○ Member Chad Garmon suggested that the Council add an action item to the statement.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chair Haag decided that more work will be needed toward this and tabled the suggestions. ● Member Reeves asked to hear from Member Rabbi Yosef Weinstock. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Member Weinstock stated that he was interested in hearing and learning about the historical experiences of racism. He also recognizes how evil the accumulation of small indignities is for people and should be fought with love.
<p>Member Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chair Haag asked Member Dellenback to speak on any updates from the Governor’s Faith and Community-Based Initiative. ● Member Dellenback stated that the Governor’s Faith and Community Based Initiative issued thank you letters out to all the faith and community-based organizations and that he and the First Lady would be visiting some of those organizations. There have been four calls with the Governor with those participating in the Faith Based and Community Based Initiative. He emphasized that there was an even spread among the faith-based organizations and the community-based organizations and the importance of these communities during this time. ● Chair Haag shared his work on the CARE Act and distributing money among struggling families. ● Member Zunz shared that he has been working on food drives, the job ministry, and the promotion of adoption and foster care. ● Member Cox updated the Council that she had been having discussions with other leaders about opening faith-based communities while following concerns from the CDC in Pinellas County. ● Member Smith shared that her church had fed over 1,000 children and families since the COVID-19 outbreak. ● Member Acevedo shared that the Seminole County Sheriff’s office was meeting with their community to receive feedback. ● Member Pastor Kirt Anderson stated that he spoke with Senator Rick Scott recently about COVID-19 and how it would last a long time. He went on to talk about the importance of rehearsing what it means to care and love one another.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Rolando Gonzalez shared that the number of people his ministry was reaching has risen tremendously as a result of the pandemic.
<p>Public Comments</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One public comment was submitted from Ms. Joanne Reich, Community Planner with the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, who had to leave the meeting early. Ms. Collins-Jones, with the Governor’s Office, read her comment for the record that highlighted a video on “Safely Re-Opening Our Houses of Worship” from the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County. Video link: https://youtu.be/zPKTPpRV2QQ
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair Martin closed the meeting as Chair Haag had to leave the meeting early. • The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2020, in Bay County, Florida. More information will be forthcoming. • Vice-Chair Martin provided the Benediction • Member Chad Garmon motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Member Carl Reeves. • With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

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