

# Alexandria Community Remembrance Project Steering Committee Meeting

June 10, 2026

5:30 p.m.

Alexandria Black History Museum

**Attending:** Rose Dawson, Jean Kelleher, Nigel Mease, Tiffany Pache, Judith Vaughn, Sarah Whelan, Kennetra Wood

**Attending online:** Darrlyn Franklin and Heather Pealer

**Excused:** Gretchen Bulova, Audrey Davis, Rev. Driskell, Mark Farkas, Rev. Franklin, Paul Glist, Michael Johnson, Jacquay Plummer

## Meeting Notes

1. Rose Dawson called the meeting to order at 5:40.
2. Tiffany Pache provided the Faith Initiative Update on behalf of Rev. Driskell. The last clergy coffee of the summer was held at Christ Church. They are doing some new work around racial reconciliation, including a memorial to the enslaved who built the church in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
3. Jean Kelleher provided the Research Team Update. The team is looking for more volunteers for shorter and specific research topics. Ms. Dawson recommended providing the library with some information that can be shared to recruit volunteers.
4. Tiffany Pache and RaAlim Shabazz gave the Remembrance Student Banned Truth Tour 26-27 Update. A tentative schedule has been set and staff at the Alexandria City High School will request early release for four days during the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Planning for Benjamin Thomas Remembrance Aug. 28. The committee has reached out to Kristin Clarke to be a primary speaker. If Dr. Clarke is not available, Darrlyn Franklin has recommended two people from the Virginia State Conference of the NAACP. Charles Miller, a musician, will provide musical selections for the event. A request has been made to Shiloh Baptist Church to use their historic church space for the program.
6. Tiffany Pache provided an update on Fundraising for the Memorial Scholarship Program. The latest scholarships were awarded to Mahammad Malikzad and Soliana Mengesha. The current total is now \$61,190. To raise \$6,000 for the next

academic year, we need to hold two Discerning Dinners and two Tables of Conscience (ToC) dinners. We have volunteers and speakers set for the Discerning Dinners. Two Committee Members are approaching ACRP members to see if they can host a ToC (one in the fall and one in the winter).

7. Next Steering Committee meeting is *tentatively* scheduled for Sept. 9, 2026.
8. The meeting concluded at 6:30.

### Reminder!

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