

## ***ARTICLE VII. BROWARD COUNTY RACIAL EQUITY TASK FORCE<sup>1</sup>***

### **Sec. 1-116. Creation.**

There is hereby created the Broward County Racial Equity Task Force ("Task Force").

( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20)

### **Sec. 1-117. Purpose.**

The Task Force shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Board of Broward County Commissioners ("County Commission"), making recommendations to the County Commission to assist in identifying systemic and institutional racial inequities in Broward County and in developing policy recommendations aimed at eliminating racism and creating greater racial equity in Broward County.

( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20)

### **Sec. 1-118. Membership.**

- (a) The Task Force may consist of representatives of communities that have been negatively impacted by systemic and institutional racial inequities, and organizations and institutions that have a role to play in eliminating such racial inequities, as well as individuals who have demonstrated a commitment to eliminating systemic racism and creating greater racial equity. Upon appointment, Task Force members shall participate in an onboarding process developed by the Human Services Department, Equity and Community Investment Section that is consistent with state law.
- (b) The Task Force shall be composed of thirty-seven (37) members appointed by the County Commission, with each County Commissioner nominating one (1) member and the remaining members nominated in the following manner:
  - (1) One (1) member nominated by the Broward Workshop;
  - (2) One (1) member nominated by the Broward League of Cities;
  - (3) One (1) member nominated by Hispanic Unity of Florida;
  - (4) One (1) member nominated by The School Board of Broward County;
  - (5) One (1) member nominated by the Broward County Sheriff;

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<sup>1</sup>Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 2014-32, § 1, adopted Sept. 23, 2014, repealed the former Art. VII, §§ 1-116—1-127, which pertained to the historical commission and derived from Ord. No. 74-10, §§ 1—8, adopted June 18, 1974; Ord. No. 75-32, § 1, adopted Sept. 10, 1975; Ord. No. 76-16, §§ 1—10, adopted March 23, 1976; Ord. No. 79-25, § 1, adopted April 18, 1979; Ord. No. 79-36, § 2, adopted June 20, 1979; Ord. No. 84-52, § 1, adopted Aug. 16, 1984; Ord. No. 88-26, § 1, adopted June 14, 1988; Ord. No. 2001-06, § 10, adopted Feb. 13, 2001; Ord. No. 2005-34, §§ 1—4, adopted Aug. 23, 2005; Ord. No. 2009-10, §§ 1, 2, adopted March 10, 2009; and Ord. No. 2010-02, § 1, adopted Jan. 12, 2010.

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- (6) One (1) member nominated by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People ("NAACP") Fort Lauderdale/Broward Branch;
  - (7) One (1) member nominated by the Urban League of Broward County;
  - (8) One (1) member nominated by the Office of the State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida;
  - (9) One (1) member nominated by the Law Office of the Public Defender for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit of Florida;
  - (10) One (1) member nominated by Black Lives Matter Alliance of Broward;
  - (11) One (1) member nominated by Florida Rising;
  - (12) One (1) member nominated by the Community Foundation of Broward;
  - (13) One (1) member nominated by the Broward County Black Chamber of Commerce;
  - (14) One (1) member nominated by the United Way of Broward County;
  - (15) One (1) member nominated by the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance;
  - (16) One (1) member nominated by the Children's Services Council of Broward County;
  - (17) One (1) member nominated by the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Greater Fort Lauderdale, Inc., better known as the Pride Center at Equality Park;
  - (18) One (1) member nominated by the Women of Color Empowerment Institute, Inc.;
  - (19) One (1) member representing a chamber of commerce serving Broward County, nominated by the Broward County Council of Chambers of Commerce;
  - (20) One (1) member nominated by Broward College, which individual has engaged in research or education related to the advancement of racial equity;
  - (21) Six (6) Broward County residents who are engaged in racial equity work in one of the County's systems of care for child welfare, housing, and homelessness, or health care services, each nominated by the Director of the Human Services Department, or designee;
  - (22) One (1) member representing the banking or mortgage banking industry, nominated by a County Commissioner; and
  - (23) One (1) member representing a newspaper or other news media organization that serves Broward County, nominated by a County Commissioner.
- (c) The County Commission shall appoint all members of the Task Force following receipt and consideration of nominations. The members for the categories identified in Sections 1-118(b)(22) and 1-118(b)(23) may be nominated by any County Commissioner, but no County Commissioner may nominate members for both categories. In nominating members of the Task Force, County Commissioners should consider persons representing Broward College, Nova Southeastern University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Broward Health, Memorial Healthcare System, large municipalities, the judiciary, religious institutions, large corporate or business entities with a substantial presence in Broward County, and residents engaged in racial equity work as described in Section 1-118(b)(21).
- ( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20; Ord. No. 2022-32 , § 1, 6-15-22)

### **Sec. 1-119. Term of appointment; conduct of Task Force.**

- (a) The term for each member shall be two (2) years from the date of appointment.

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- (b) Members of the Task Force shall serve in accordance with Section 1-233, Broward County Code of Ordinances ("Code"), and are specifically exempt from the requirements set forth in Section 1-233(b)(2) of the Code.
  - (c) Any member of the Task Force may be removed by the County Commission for misconduct, incompetence, or neglect of duty. In addition, the County Commission may remove any member of the Task Force upon recommendation approved by a majority of the members of the Task Force.
  - (d) Members of the Task Force who no longer satisfy the requirements of their position shall automatically cease to be members of the Task Force, and their positions shall be declared vacant.
  - (e) The meetings, quorum, and attendance requirements of the Task Force shall be as set forth in Section 1-233 of the Code.
  - (f) The Task Force shall elect a chair and such other officers as the Task Force deems necessary for purposes of managing its activities and bringing direction and leadership to the Task Force. Each officer shall serve for one (1) year or until their successor is chosen, whichever is longer.

( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20)

### **Sec. 1-120. Functions, powers, and duties.**

The functions, powers, and duties of the Task Force are to serve in an advisory capacity to the County Commission on the following matters:

- (a) Identification of systemic and institutional racial inequities in Broward County;
- (b) Educating the public, government entities, businesses, and other community organizations, about racial equity;
- (c) Development of, and identification of individuals or entities to implement, a plan containing detailed concrete steps to help dismantle identified systemic racism and create greater racial equity in Broward County;
- (d) Research of, and recommendations for, standards for the collection, analysis, and reporting of disaggregated data regarding racial equity; and
- (e) Establishment of accountability measures and preparation of progress reports to be provided annually to the County Commission.

( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20)

### **Sec. 1-121. Compensation and staff support.**

The members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder. The Directors of the Human Services Department and the Office of Economic and Small Business Development ("OESBD") shall provide administrative support and guidance to the Task Force, unless the County Administrator designates other County staff to perform this function. The Director of the Human Services Department or an individual who reports directly to the Director of Human Services and the Director of OESBD or an individual who reports directly to the Director of OESBD shall attend all Task Force meetings.

( Ord. No. 2020-47 , § 1, 12-8-20)

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**Secs. 1-122—1-134. Reserved.**