



# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board Meeting - Minutes

June 2, 2026

5:30 – 6:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall  
Lansing, MI

**Call to Order:** 5:30pm

**Attendance:** Emily Sorroche, Terry Frazier, Sharon Gillison, Byron Haskins

**City of Lansing Representatives:** Michael Hopson,

**Agenda Approved:** Move public comments to after speaker by Haskins 2nd by Frazier; Vote approved. Haskins Moved to accept the agenda 2nd by Haskins  
Minutes from May 2026: Moved by Haskins, 2nd by Gillison

**Approval of Minutes** Moved by Haskins, 2nd by Gillison

**Anishinaabe Green Space Presentation:** Dr. Nichole Keway Biber

- Group of community members attended the meeting (10 people).
- Asking for support from the Advisory Board
  - o Asking about parking lot in the master plan of the city.
- Indigenous People's Day to share support
  - o Asking for more than our human relative to have stories connected to everyone. A park to the Native American people and the land to change the parking lot into green space - - the corner of Kalamazoo and Larch/Ceder area (this is City Land)
  - o The park will be a sign of support Indigenous People's
    - Connection to nature, the language as part of the park design and dedication.
  - o Have a purposeful green space within the city of Lansing
    - No park is dedicated to the Indigenous people in Lansing MI
  - o This park will be part of the nature ecosystem of the area for endangered species support.
- Would like the Board to support this effort with City Hall as well share the ideas with others within our network.

**Public Comments:** (see sign in list each person give their name and in support of having the area becoming Green space / park in honor of the Indigenous People in Lansing MI.

- Ask the people to see historical marker outside of City Hall to learn more about the area

**Director's Update:** None

**Culture & Accountability Officers Update:**

- Celebration of Diversity June 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 and Program at 5:00pm
  - o City Hall Lobby
- Recap of the Immigration Raid Exercise from May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- NOVA – RFP has been sent out and being reviewed
  - o Continue to make sure partnership and communication is happening
- Ingham County Housing Resource Fair – Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 3pm-7pm at Union Baptist Church
  - o In the future can we align NOVA with the Housing Resource Fair.

- Juneteenth flag raising in front of City Hall June 19<sup>th</sup> at 11am

**Standing Theme Update**

- Justice & Safety – – No updates
- Economic Empowerment – Community engagement workshop meeting learning how and where we can fill the gaps.
- Community Sustainability – Attended May 12th NOVA meeting; Contact with social worker; police department; CMH funding; Chamber of Commerce; Work with Urban Planning with MSU with Byron's Partner

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

- Standard of how to present ideas to the DEI Board
  - o Hopson will come with form for us to review ideas

Announcements: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:33pm