



**Schaumburg Township  
DEI Committee  
Meeting Minutes**  
Township of Schaumburg  
1 Illinois Blvd  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
Upper Level – Board Room  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2024  
7:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

**II. Roll Call**

**Quorum Members**

Roosevelt Groves - Committee Chair - Present

Jessica Harren - Co-Chair - Excused

Sohail Durrani – Secretary - Present

Ayaan Abdul - Present

Laurin Atkinson - Excused

Felipe Villagomez - Present

**Committee Members**

Raahim Durrani - Present

Thais Perez - Present

Saadia Abdul - Present

Muhittin Er - Present

Gianne James - Excused

**III. Public Comments (limited to 3 minutes)**

No comments

**IV. Approval of September 4, 2024 Minutes**

Approved with correction of Jessica Harren’s attendance as “Excused”

Aye’s 5 Nay 0

**V. Reports**

No reports

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

- a. Committee elections to be held in November meeting with no changes to current Committee structure ( Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, 3 voting members). Chair to forward the group “Committee roles and responsibilities”.
- b. All individuals with interest in certain roles should send both Melissa Williams and Trustee Demetrius Gibson and email either self nominating or nominating someone for a specific role. If any questions, please also reach out to the same.
- c. Chair emphasized on the importance of ‘National Hispanic Heritage Month’ recognizing the contributions and influence of Hispanic Americans to the nation’s achievements, culture, and history. He also mentioned ‘Rosh Hashanah’, the Jewish New Year, which signifies a time of reflection, renewal, and the opportunity for personal growth as individuals prepare for the year ahead.
- d. A member spoke about the upcoming celebration of Diwali by end of October and asked other committee members to inform her if they are interested in attending the celebration like last year.
- e. Trustee Gibson briefed about the upcoming plans:
  - Faith Leaders Summit will be held on October 17th 9:30am
  - In November Rep. Michelle Mussman will be attending the meeting
  - Connection for Abused Women and Children (CAWC) Presentation to be held in December
  - Cook County President to be here to discuss DEI (to be finalized)
  - Schaumburg Business Association to be here in January
  - February is open for suggestions (most probably with Dr. Bailey)

## **VII. New Business:**

- a. Cassandra, a student of Dominican University and a Township Food Pantry’s Intern, presented how the Township’s Food Pantry is ensuring DE&I while servicing the community. Committee members appreciated the efforts and ensured assistance in spreading the word and driving donations.
- b. Deborah Harris, Founder of ICU Learning presented how her organization is working towards holding a learning event focused on STEAM subjects and underrepresented groups and diverse cultures. Some highlights of the planned event are as follows:
  - a. 3-hour event, participating students until High school, primary motive is to encourage creativity and learning.
  - b. Booths and labs for various STEAM areas like Chemistry, Coding & Robotics, Math, VR station etc.
  - c. Various partners can be contacted for venue, teaching staff, tools/ materials etc.

- d. Date options:
1. Nov 8<sup>th</sup> National STEAM/ STEM Day
  2. Discover STEAM Week Feb 18-21<sup>st</sup>
  3. National STEAM Camp March 15-23<sup>rd</sup> (preferred)
- Committee Comments:
    - For the venue/ space, members recommended:
      - a. Science Academy of Chicago (saoc.org)
      - b. National India Hub (indiahub.org)
      - c. Conant High School's Coding Club
      - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Schaumburg Library
  - Budget: Tentatively upto \$10k depending on the learning material and learning medium
  - DEI Committee to help with spreading the word and volunteering on 7 stations.
  - Deborah to share the Project plan with the committee with dates.
  - Dates are to be planned considering holidays: District 54 & 211 March from April 21<sup>st</sup> – until April 2<sup>nd</sup> .

#### **VIII Next meeting:**

- Continue discussion on the above activities/ initiatives to lock the Calendar of Events.

#### **IX Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:00 pm

5 ayes 0 nay's

**Next Meeting: Wednesday November 6, 2024 @ 7:00 PM**