

# Woodbridge Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion

## Draft Meeting Minutes

Sep. 15, 2021

A recording of this virtual meeting can be seen here:

<https://woodbridgect.webex.com/woodbridgect/lr.php?RCID=eb4c3b725045bbf034aa04b2621e5108>

In attendance: Vice Chair Robert Reed, Neelima Kaushal, Lor Ferrante Fernandes, Beecher liaison Tahera Parvez and staff Betsy Yagla.

At 6:33 Vice Chair Robert Reed called the meeting to order.

1. Mr. Reed shared an excerpt from “Conversations in Black” by Ed Gordon for the Opening Circle.
2. Diversity Event: Each member reported on which organizations they’ve reached out to. The group discussed a performance schedule and the question to include at the Diversity & Inclusion table. The question will be “What would a more inclusive Woodbridge look like?” Ms. Parvez volunteered to make a poster for the table and a box to collect responses.

The group also discussed having an MC for the performances.

There will be a special meeting on Monday Sept. 20 to discuss the event layout and a meeting on Sept 30 to do a final run-through.

3. Amity Regional High School update: There was no update.
4. Updates and Announcements: Ms. Yagla reported that the Board of Selectmen have scheduled a public presentation of a proposal for the former CCW for Sept. 29 and that more details will come soon.
5. Opening Circle: Dr. Kaushal volunteered to provide the reading at the next meeting.

6. August meeting minutes: Dr. Kaushal made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr.Reed seconded. Ms. Ferrante Fernandes abstained; Reed and Kaushal voted in favor. The motion passed.
7. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.