



301 W. Main St.  
Town Hall  
Carrboro, NC 27510

**Town of Carrboro  
Meeting Minutes  
Town Council**

**January 17, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Chambers - Room 110**

**This meeting was broadcasted live on cable television and the internet.**

**Present:** Mayor Damon Seils, Council Member Susan Romaine, Council Member Barbara Foushee, Council Member Danny Nowell, Council Member Eliazar Posada, Council Member Sammy Slade

**Absent:** Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell

**Also Present:** Richard White, Town Manager, Wesley Barker Town Clerk; Nick Herman, Town Attorney

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**POETRY READING**

Liza Wolff-Francis, the Town Poet Laureate, read a poem entitled "MLK Mourns Trayvon Martin."

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

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**ADOPTION OF 2023 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALENDAR**

The purpose of this item is for Town Council to adopt the 2023 meeting calendar.

**A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Nowell to approve the meeting calendar as presented.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF CHRIS ATACK TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS SAFETY TASK FORCE**

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that the Town Council appoint Police Chief Chris Atack to serve on the Orange County Schools Safety Task Force.

Council Member Romaine encouraged Community Safety Task Force members to apply to serve on this board.

**A motion was made by Council Member Slade, seconded by Council Member Romaine to approve the following resolution:**

**A RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE ORANGE COUNTY SCHOOLS SAFETY TASK FORCE**

Section 1. The Carrboro Town Council hereby appoints the following person to the Orange County Schools Safety Task Force.

Appointee: Police Chief Chris Atack  
Term Expiration: N/A

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

This the 17th day of January 2023.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**UPDATE ON TOWN RACE AND EQUITY INITIATIVES**

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an update on town race and equity initiatives.

Chief Race and Equity Officer, Anita Jones-McNair, gave a presentation on the work that had been completed over the last few years on racial equity accomplishments.

Council Member Slade inquired about an update to Council on internal assessment tools. He was also interested in what other jurisdictions in the local GARE network were doing that Carrboro may want to consider.

Anita Jones-McNair stated she meets weekly with the local GARE network, and they work closely together.

Council Member Foushee asked about the status of hiring a Race and Equity Manager to help. She also remarked that Council should be using these race and equity tools in their decision making.

Mayor Seils suggested this GARE training for Council Members.

**A motion was made by Council Member Posada, seconded by Council Member Slade to accept the presented report.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**MATTERS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Seils said there is a possibility he may need to call a special meeting to address procedural matter on a grant to finalize submission before the end of January.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by Council Member Nowell, seconded by Council Member Posada, to adjourn the meeting.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

**Absent: Council Member Randee Haven-O'Donnell**

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**Town Clerk**

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**Mayor**