

Interpretation Information



English: For interpretation in [____],

1. Go to the horizontal control bar at the bottom of your screen. Click on “Interpretation.”
2. Then click on the language that you would like to hear.
3. You are now accessing this meeting in [____]

Spanish: Para traducción en Español,

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2. Luego seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar.
3. Después de seleccionar, usted entrará a la reunión en el idioma “Español”.

Haitian Creole: Pou entèpretasyon Kreyòl ayisyen,

1. Ale nan kontwòl ba nan pati anba ekran an epi Klike sou "Interpretation"
2. Apre sa, klike sou lang ke ou ta renmen tande a.
3. Kounye a ou gen aksè a reyinyon an Kreyòl ayisyen

Cabo Verdean Creole: Gossim bu ta entra na reuniao na kriolu,

1. Bai na barra de controlo horizontal na parte inferior di computador bu kalka na “Interpretation”.
2. Depos kalka na idioma qui bu kre ovi.
3. Agora djabu sta ta entra na reuniaun em creole.

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Taking Care of Ourselves



1. Emotional and mental health support
2. Food and drink
3. Bathroom
4. Opportunities to write us: reparations@boston.gov

Reparations Task Force

February 6, 2024 Public Meeting



AGENDA

- I. Notice of accommodations and interpreters' introductions**
- II. Call to Order + Roll Call**
- III. Selection of Research Partners**
 - A. Research teams introductions**
- IV. Communication pathways**
- V. General Public Comment**
- VI. Adjournment**

Call to Order + Roll Call

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Choosing research partners

Roadmap

- 1. Update from the City**
 - 2. Request for Proposals (RFP) Award Process: recap and our process**
 - 3. Presenting the teams of research partners**
 - a. Units 1-5, Unit 6
 - b. Scope of Work
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Some preliminary notes...

- The Reparations Task Force has three “phases” of work it is obligated to do by the ordinance that created the task force. The first phase (**Phase 1**) requires that the **Task Force write and publish a report documenting the City of Boston’s role in and ties to the history and legacy of slavery.**
 - A **Request for Proposals (RFP)** is a common tool used by the City to procure services.
 - Over the course of several hours-long planning sessions, the Reparations Task Force and the City wrote an RFP to find research partners to research and write the Phase 1 report. The Task Force also engaged community through public meetings on the content of the RFP and revised the content based on input from the community.
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Outreach



- RTF voted to approve the RFP in September. The RFP was released shortly afterwards, on September 21st.
 - Paper copies and a QR code linking to the RFP were distributed to **every Boston Public Library location** for easy access by community.
 - The RFP was sent to 300+ researchers and posted on local and national bulletins + sent to local institutions, experts, and historians specifically identified by community and by RTF
 - We publicized the document + opportunity across communication channels, including over the Mayor's social media channels.
 - We held a bidder's conference (a public Q&A) in October and released answers to all received questions several weeks before the deadline for submissions closed. Candidates had until November 6th to apply.
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Our Process



- The City allocated \$500,000 to support the best researchers for the report..
 - The selection committee, which included RTF members and City staff, met throughout November and December to evaluate and discuss applications, interview applicants, and select finalists to present to Mayor Wu. (full committee on next slide)
 - Candidates were evaluated based on:
 - the quality of their proposals,
 - their dedication to Boston's history,
 - demonstrated expertise within a specific time period,
 - proficiency with community-engaged historical methods, and
 - a commitment to transformative and restorative approaches to historical narrative
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Selection Committee

AGENCY	TITLE	FULL NAME
Equity & Inclusion	Senior Advisor on Racial Justice	<i>Lori Nelson</i>
Historic Preservation	Executive Director	<i>Murray Miller</i>
Mayor's Office	Policy Advisor	<i>Ajay Singh</i>
Mayor's Office	Senior Policy Advisor	<i>Maya Getter</i>
Task Force	Member	<i>Carrie Mays</i>
Task Force	Member	<i>Dorothea Jones</i>
Task Force	Member	<i>L'Merchie Frazier</i>

Historical Research Partners

Studying 1620-1940

- **Dr. Kerri Greenidge**, Mellon Associate Professor in Studies of Race, Colonialism, and Diaspora at Tufts University
 - **Dr. Kendra Field**, Director of the Study of Race and Democracy and Associate Professor of History, Tufts University
 - **Kyera Singleton**, Executive Director of the Royall House and Slave Quarters
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Studying 1940-Present

- **Northeastern University:**
 - **Margaret Burnham**, University Distinguished Professor and Director of the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project
 - **Dr. Deborah Jackson**, Managing Director of the Center for Law, Equity, and Race
 - **Dr. Ted Landsmark**, Distinguished Professor of Public Policy and Urban Affairs
 - **Donna Bivens**, community leader
 - **Richard O'Brant**, Director of the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute
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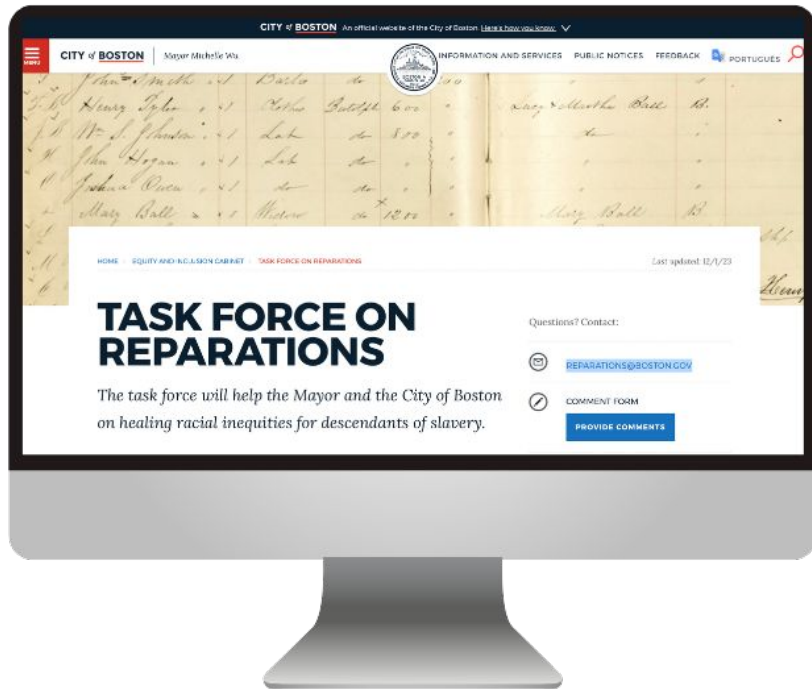
What's next?

- Our research teams will soon get to work: researching and writing a comprehensive report documenting Boston's role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the legacies of slavery that continue to present day.
 - Throughout the research process, the partners will present updates about their findings with **opportunity for community members to engage with their ongoing work.**
 - Researchers will have at least a year to complete their work. We will provide updates throughout the process.
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Communications Pathways

Ways to Communicate:



reparations@boston.gov



[@equitycabinet](https://www.instagram.com/equitycabinet)



boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/task-force-reparations

Administrative Updates

- Community Engagement Subgroup:
 - **Chair:** Carrie Mays
 - **Members:** L'Merchie Frazier, Dorothea Jones, Na'tisha Mills, George Greenidge
 - RTF staffing team introductions
 - Upcoming meeting dates: **We will be finalizing meetings all the way up to December as soon as possible.** You can find those at boston.gov/reparations.
 - If you fill out the sign-in sheet, we'll make sure you get notification about upcoming dates once we post. Moving forward, we plan to have notices out for all dates at least a month in advance.
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General public comment

We will now open the Zoom chat for questions and comments.