



# FORBES library

NORTHAMPTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Racial and Social Justice Advisory Group Meeting Monday, September 27, 2021 4:00 PM, Online\*

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, this meeting will be held using remote participation.

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome (10 minutes)
  - a. Public Comment period
    - i. Public comment period is open now. We welcome and appreciate all public comments, but note that the Advisory Group will not engage in discussion or debate following these comments. However, the Advisory Group may address the issue at a later date and will notify the presenter appropriately.
  - b. Land Acknowledgement
    - i. Forbes Library stands on Nonotuck land. We'd also like to acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We would also like to pay our respects to indigenous Elders, past and present, of these communities and any others who may be here today. This is and always will be indigenous land.
  - c. [Approve minutes from previous meeting](#)

2. Updates from the library (10 minutes)
  - a. Reopening
  - b. [Watch Party and Conversation: Isabel Wilkerson, 9/22 at 7 PM](#)
  - c. Collaborations with Northampton Human Rights Commission
    - i. [Hollaback Bystander Training](#)
    - ii. Human Rights Day, Dec 10, 2021
  - d. [Welcoming Week](#)
3. New Business (45 minutes)
  - a. [Northampton Policing Review Commission](#)
  - b. Stipends for Committee Members Proposal
    - i. In order to remove barriers which may limit participation, the library welcomes requests for assistance with costs associated with childcare, technology, transportation and/or other necessary expenses incurred in the course of service by voluntary members of library appointed committees, boards and groups on an as-needed basis.
    - ii. For consideration, please complete our stipend request application. Funding of up to \$500 per calendar year is available and can be reapplied for annually while serving on a library board or committee. The library has funds available to cover up to \$2,000 in requests annually and after that requests may be delayed until additional funding is approved.
  - c. Committee Check-in
    - i. How are things going?
  - d. Other
    - i. National Hispanic Heritage Month
    - ii. ["Nice Racism" editorial](#)
    - iii. [Library's Mission Statement](#)
4. Set November Meeting Date
5. Open the floor to the group