

FINAL

CITY OF LEBANON
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMISSION
July 18, 2023— 6:00pm
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL or
Remote Via Microsoft Teams: [LebanonNH.gov/LIVE](https://lebanonnh.gov/LIVE)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Ford Burley (Secretary); Emily Walton (Chair); Devin Wilkie (City Council Representative); Tia Winter (Public Representative)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Liot Hill (City Council Representative); Keiselim Montas (Public Representative); Alisha Robinson (Public Representative); Simone Whitecloud (Public Representative Alternate); Bise Wood Saint Eugene (Vice-Chair); Karen Zook (City Council Alternate)

STAFF PRESENT: Shaun Mulholland (City Manager)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The July 18, 2023, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Commission (DEI) Meeting could not be called to order due to a lack of a quorum.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were approved at this meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Visit from Sherry Boschert, Electric Vehicle Subcommittee of the Lebanon Energy Advisory Committee, to discuss grant for EV charging stations and equity

Sherry Boschert attended via telepresence to report on the latest developments of the grant application for EV charging stations, as it pertains to equity in the city. The EV Subcommittee recently applied for a grant to install EV chargers around the community, with an emphasis for placement on disadvantaged communities. They proposed 91 public EV charge ports at 8 different sites located near or at affordable housing, or where it can serve multi-unit housing. If successful they have also proposed EV car-sharing program with reduced rates for low-income members, and four free solar-powered chargers in the parking lot behind City Hall. The Subcommittee will find out in September if the grant application is successful. There will be a second round of funding in May of 2024, possibly another after that.

B. School District and LGBTQIA+ community updates

Tia Winter reported on several items: the Lebanon School District is enthusiastically welcoming a new school district superintendent; the new LGBTQIA+ group at the high school is still on track; and the logistics are still being worked out with Good Neighbor health clinic to open free clinic for LGBTQ+ children and teens in Lebanon.

C. NEXUS Multicultural Festival planning

Chair Emily Walton read a very brief report from Keyselim Montas. The planning is tracking as planned.

D. Update on Environmental Equity Task Force

Councilor Devin Wilkie and Secretary Richard Ford Burley reported on the creation of the new task force, composed of members from the DEI Commission, Sustainable Lebanon, the Lebanon Conservation Commission, and the Tree Advisory Board. The task force will meet as needed, and is currently working on a definition of environmental justice as it pertains to the City of Lebanon.

E. Planning for Equity Plan stakeholder brainstorming session

Councilor Devin Wilkie reported on the progress made. Councilor Wilkie, Alisha Robinson, and Councilor Karen Liot Hill have been liaising regarding how best to run the session, and have decided on collective brainstorming followed by break-out groups. They have assembled materials (presented in the packet for the present meeting).

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No discussion.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Secretary Richard Ford Burley suggested a future agenda item regarding the creation of informational and geographical tools for potential future use of the Environmental Justice Task Force and others.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting could not be adjourned due to the lack of a quorum.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Ford Burley, DEI Commission Secretary