

**Meeting Agenda**  
**Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Commission**  
**Community Connections Sub-Committee**  
**Large Meeting Room**  
**Staunton Public Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**May 6, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order**

**Proposed Agenda:**

- 1. Approval of Minutes from April 1, 2026 Meeting**
- 2. School Belonging Event Update**
- 3. Community Resource Event**
- 4. Boards and Commission Outreach**
- 5. Other Business**

**Adjournment**

**DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION COMMISSION  
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Meeting  
April 1, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
Staunton City Library

PRESENT: Ian Callahan, Mark Jeter, Jordan Zipser

ABSENT: Belinda Polgar

ALSO PRESENT: n/a

Jordan called the meeting open at \_6:08\_ p.m.

1. **Lewis Creek Watershed Discussion follow up**
  - a. **Ian followed up with Fred via LinkedIn**
  - b. **Offered the following suggestions**
    - i. **reach out to Jeff O., about recommendations and findings**
    - ii. **lean on college and biology studies for interns that can support the additional testing, while also acknowledging that he was looking for consistency**
    - iii. **offered to share full findings with the commission if he can send information to us - have not heard back from Fred yet**
  - c. **Reviewed goals and action items to ensure subcommittee alignment when new asks come in**
2. **Recommendations to Council Process**
  - a. **what is the mechanism for making a timely recommendation to city council should it come up and fall within DEI purview**
  - b. **Bylaws section 6C indicates that we can make recommendations to council as “deems appropriate”**
  - c. **Mark advised that this item is on the Commission Leadership meeting next week**
3. **Belonging Event**
  - a. **Jordan provided update**
  - b. **meeting scheduled with Dr. Irizarry on April 20th to follow up**
4. **Board and Commission Outreach**
  - a. **options discussed**
  - b. **inviting them to attend ours to start**
  - c. **if they are not able to attend our meetings, we’ll look at other options for connecting**
  - d. **already identified several boards**

50                   e. **will work to get invitations out by the end of the month - will coordinate over**  
51                   **email**

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55 The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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