**Councilor Ali Dieng, Chair**, Ward 7

**Councilor Joseph Magee**, Ward 3

Staff:

REIB Director: Tyeastia Green

Public Health Equity Manager: Marielle Matthews

Health Equity & Engagement Manager: Nyla Ruiz

Racial Equity Trainer: Vanessa Bonebo

**Tuesday November 16th 2021 5:30-7:00pm**

**In-person meeting**

**Bushor Conference Room – 1st Floor City Hall, 149 Church St, Burlington, 05401**

**Draft Minutes**

In person meeting called to order at 5:31 pm

1. Motion to approve agenda
   1. Magee: moved to approve
   2. Dieng: Second
   3. In favor 2: Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0
2. Motion to approve the draft minutes 05/18/21, 07/20/21, and 08/17/21
   1. Motion postponed to next meeting
3. Public Forum (closed at 5:51 pm)
   1. Man spoke against polarization of resolution.
   2. Wafic Faour: Spoke about the oppression of Palestinians at the hands of Israel and in support of BDS.
   3. Person spoke about how they do not want people who reside in Burlington to speak at City Council meetings.They also spoke against the resolution.
   4. Mark Leopold: voiced that City Council and REIB sub committee should focus locally. He voiced that he wants to stop polarization and believes BSD hurts average Israeli citizen.
4. Reflection and next steps- Resolution calling for justice and peace between Israel and Palestine (closed at 6:01)
   1. Magee: Curious to hear Councilor Dieng’s thoughts on resolution. Agrees that we should call out Human Rights violations and bring forth a resolution that addresses the full scope of the situation
   2. Dieng: Next step is to discuss with experts from both sides about the conflict and to educate the City Council and REIB sub-committee. Wants to bring experts from both sides to present/ to the committee.
5. Update from REIB Director
   1. Marielle Matthews and Nyla Ruiz Presented on the Public Health Funding Proposal
6. Open Forum Discussion
   1. Sandrine Kibuey: Her Kids attend schools in BSD and have been impacted by racism they’ve experienced there. Spoke of incident regarding Black face as well
7. Date of next meeting
   1. December 21st 5:30-7:00pm
8. Motion to Adjourn 6:57 pm
   1. Councilor Magee moved to adjourn
   2. Councilor Dieng second
   3. In favor: 2 Opposed:0 Abstaining: 0