



Lawrence Township, New Jersey

Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Call to order

The meeting of the Lawrence Township Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion was held at the Conference Room, Lower Floor of the Municipal Building, on 06/16/2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendees

Members in attendance: Jasmine Surti, Kenneth Bernbabe, Nabeel Hasan, Axel Haenssen, Peri Nearon, Joe Forte, Paige Johnson

Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance: Hardat Singh, Riyal Patel


Excused: Pat Deeney, James Loper, David Spauling

New business

1. Approved minutes from last meeting
2. Guest Speaker introduced by Paige Johnson: Dr. Pamela Pruitt, executive Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at Rider University.
3. Dr. Pruitt talked about Rider University's makeup of the student body in terms of Diversity and efforts made to diversify the Faculty Body, as well as the student clubs based on ethnicity, identity and interest.
4. Discussion about better coordination and partnering with Rider University on DEI Issues (Town and Gown). (Pipeline, Lawrence Twp. Schools?, Programs, Partnership). Challenges for Retention of non-white Students. Rider Transition Program/ Easing into college.
5. Women's Equality Day/ Disability Independence Day/ Draft Wording for Lawrence Township Website approved Motion by Kenneth Bernabe, Seconded by Peri Nearson.
6. Exploring support for the expansion of shelters for Public Transportation in Lawrence Township.

Announcements

1. DEI Report on recommending the support of the State Task Force on Reparation will be forwarded to Council for the Council meeting in July.
2. Next Meeting will be Thursday, September 15th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

	03/17/2022
Axel Haenssen, Secretary	