

**MEETING MINUTES FROM A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MULTICULTURAL INCLUSION & ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

HELD AT 7:00 P.M. ON JUNE 24, 2026.

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER *meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Roxanna Tirado.*

B. STATEMENT REGARDING PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT - read by Roxanna Tirado.

The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied with respect to this meeting of the Multicultural Inclusion & Accessibility Advisory Committee which is being held via Zoom video conferencing. This information, along with the public internet link and telephone call-in information was posted in the Municipal Building, and sent the official newspapers of the Township, the Verona-Cedar Grove Times and the Star Ledger and MyVeronaNJ.com, TAPinto and the Patch, the official online news source(s) of the Township, at least 48 hours preceding the start time of this meeting. A public comment period will be held in the order it is listed on the meeting agenda and instructions on how to comment will be provided at the appropriate time.

C. ROLL CALL

Present:

Roxanna Tirado

Michele Gruet

John Vajda

Rita Chevalier

P.J. Pimpinelli

Absent:

Naura Reynoso

Tovah Kopan

Kathleen Francis

Michelle O'Neill

Diane DiGiuseppe – Superintendent of School

Claudine Pascale – Verona Public Library

Michael McMahon – Verona Recreation

Sinaileen Dacoff – Student Representative

Elissa Pena – Student Representative

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting for 5/27/26 were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES

Library update – To be provided next committee meeting.

Schools update – To be provided next committee meeting.

Recreation – To be provided next committee meeting.

Town update - To be provided next committee meeting. R.Tirado to reach out regarding having a new council person appointed for MIAAC.

NEW BUSINESS

Accessibility Committee: Subcommittee to meet to discuss gender-based harassment incident in NJ. The plan will be to contact Verona's recreation department to understand if there are policies to prevent a similar occurrence happening in Verona.

Pride Committee: M.Gruet will email E.Northrope requesting a town social media post announcing the community art piece that is on display at Town Hall.

Integrated Healthy Communities Disabilities survey was reported to have sufficient response volume but confirmation will be requested as to the number of responses.

Q3 & Q4 Events: A final date for the Hanukkah event is pending based on availability of the Rabbi. The Diwali event details to be finalized by the subcommittee.

July Meeting: R.Tirado reminded the committee that there is no July meeting and that the meetings will resume on 8/26.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.