

Desegregation Advisory Committee (DAC) Initial Training
Saturday, September 12, 2015
Annie C. Merts Center

On Saturday, September 12, 2015, DAC members Paige Davis, Troy Garner, Isha Greene, Talya Hargrove, Chaundra Jones, Ann Kvach, Laura Lemley, Ashley Lopez, Natalie Renee Murrell, and Keith Poe received their initial training per the consent order from Mildred Duprey de Robles, Conciliation Specialist from the Community Relations Service branch of the Department of Justice. Also in attendance were Huntsville City Schools (HCS) Superintendent Casey Wardynski, HCS Deputy Superintendent Barbara Cooper, HCS Director of Strategy and Innovation Edith Pickens, HCS Executive Administrative Assistant to the Director of Strategy and Innovation Barbara Cobbs, HCS Board of Education Attorneys J.R. Brooks and Chris Pape, and Department of Justice Attorney Kelly Gardner. The DAC members participated in SPIRIT (Site Problem Identifying Resolving Issues Together) training during which they identified their desire to focus on the discipline aspect of the consent order. Additionally, the members brainstormed their organizational procedures for their committee. Due to the absence of DAC members Melissa Thompson and Nicole Balthazar the committee decided to postpone electing a chairperson until the next meeting. The next non-public meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2015, and the date for the public meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2015. Nicole Balthazar received her initial training on Monday, September 14, 2015, and Melissa Thompson received her initial training on Tuesday, September 22, 2015.

Because the first gathering of the DAC was for training and not for a meeting and because officers had not been elected, the above notes will serve as a record of the actions taken.

Respectfully submitted,
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DAC Secretary