

Proposed April 8, 2026 Barre City JEDIB minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 6:36PM

Members Present: William Toborg, Greg Quetel, Rick Pereira, Aurora Flynn

Council Liaison Sonya Spaulding present

Members of the Public Present: Joellen Mulvaney

William Toborg reported a concerned resident indicated when the notice of the meeting was sent out that it had a QR code to get more information and many people do not have a QR code. A notice to vote on the school budget only went to parents should have gone to everyone. Sonya Spaulding suggested the person could call school board member.

Joellen Mulvaney asked who the ADA representative is.

Land Acknowledgement read by William Toborg

Motion made by Rick Pereira and seconded by Greg Quetel to approve minutes of April meeting, carried unanimously.

Joellen suggested need to call the committees working groups

Rick Pereira moved to make an adjustment to the agenda to change from committees to working groups. Greg Quetel seconded. Carried unanimously

Aurora chose to join Greg Quetel, Rick Pereira, and Joellen Mulvaney on Education Working Group

On items discussed in last meeting, Rick indicated need to have discussion on use of education money and reached out to Kristi Clemens, money remaining would pay for a three hour presentation.

Joellen reported that we will get to order the flags and should be able to buy 12 flags and have a volunteer to make a digital copy of the timeline. Need a narrative copy of the grant which Chris Roberts has.

Discussion of Language Access Policy. Rick Pereira said he has been reaching out to people, has reached out to people who works with Turning Point and homeless shelters. People's Health and Wellness most used languages were Spanish and cannot think of the other one. Have reached out to Public Safety Building. Sonya Spaulding reported have not heard back from school district. Nicholas indicated has never had anyone ask for services. In 2022 in the ARPA survey in the schools there were 6 Russian families, 5 Bosnian families, 3 Spanish families, and 2 Ukrainian families. Cheryl reported in her 9 years working for City Hall, she has had 10 encounters, all with people seeking birth certificates and the people brought their own translators. Have had two encounters with deaf people and communicated by the written word.

Joellen suggested the Court might also have records. There is also a non-profit organization that provides translators.

New Business: Equity Assessment of Chapters 1 and 2

Most of Chapter 1 and 2, there is a definition of news media, which does not include online. As far as Chapter 2 Administration will table for the next month.

Rick suggested might be worth spending time to get community input. William Toborg asked if there were ordinances the City Council deals with. Sonya Spaulding suggested the accountability is enforced by other individuals. Joellen asked if we were going through the ordinances and applying the tool and suggested going through them as new ordinances are being brought up because the questions are on how the ordinance was brought about. Will be difficult to look at the ordinances and would need to request that they look at the ordinances. Sonya suggested the Nuisance Property ordinance is going into affect. Sonya Spaulding indicated a community member was concerned about electric bicycles on sidewalks as she was almost hit by one. We have heard from multiple people about electric bicycles. Chapter 26 is the Nuisance ordinance. Rick asked questions about the Nuisance property laws and how much it costs the city and how often someone loses the property. Suggested taking it to community justice. Sonya pointed out it is not in affect yet and so some of the questions are yet to be determined. If not used productively, may need to be tweaked. Wanted some balance between tenants and landlords

William pointed out it is part of our charge to look at our ordinances. Suggested we look at the nuisance ordinance at our next meeting. Rick and Greg agreed that it was a good idea. Joellen reported that we have gone over it in the past and explain why it is important.

Discussion of Items for future meetings

Greg suggested should discuss how to use Kristi for our own Let's Talk program. She can help build a framework on how we would like it to look.

Public Comment

No members of the public remained for public comment

Motion to Adjourn made by Greg Quetel and seconded by Rick Pereira