



# FORBES library

NORTHAMPTON'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Racial and Social Justice Advisory Group Meeting Monday, September 26, 2022 4:00 PM, Online\*

Pursuant to Governor Baker's Emergency Order Modifying the State's Open Meeting Law issued March 12, 2020, this meeting will be held using remote participation.

Please follow this link to access the Zoom teleconference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89946148301?pwd=dhYORQam5vYnF2RDNsNzJwROhGQT09>

Meeting ID: 854 3518 7081

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### AGENDA

1. Welcome (10 minutes)
  - a. Public Comment period
    - i. Public comment period is open now. We welcome and appreciate all public comments, but note that the Advisory Group will not engage in discussion or debate following these comments. However, the Advisory Group may address the issue at a later date and will notify the presenter appropriately.
  - b. Land Acknowledgement
    - i. Forbes Library stands on Nonotuck land. We'd also like to acknowledge our neighboring Indigenous nations: the Nipmuc and the Wampanoag to the East, the Mohegan and Pequot to the South, the Mohican to the West, and the Abenaki to the North. We would also like to pay our respects to indigenous Elders, past and present, of these communities and any others who may be here today. This is and always will be indigenous land.
  - c. Approve [minutes](#) from previous meeting

2. Updates from the library (10 minutes)
  - a. Potential stipends for advisory group members
3. Time for reconnecting, reflecting, and thinking together about the following ideas as well as any others you may have to bring ( 35 minutes)
  - a. How can we reimagine the way our group works that might make it possible for more people to attend meetings and take part in conversations?
  - b. How can we amplify and center BIPOC voices and lived experiences in our meetings and work together? How can this priority be reflected in how the group is led and meetings are facilitated?
  - c. Other ideas
4. New Business (30 minutes)
  - a. Strategic Planning Questions
  
4. Set November Meeting Date/Wrapping up (5 Minutes)