

**5/14 Memorial Commission
Minutes for November 20, 2023
Rich Products, 1 Rich Way, Buffalo NY**

PRESENT IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE

Pastor Mark Blue, Chairman
Dr. Amitra Wall, Associate Provost Buffalo State University
James Bachwitz, JRB Insights
Garnell Whitfield, 5/14 Family Member
Dr. Norman Lewin, Buffalo Arts Commission
Thomas Beauford Jr. Buffalo Urban League

VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE

Steve Carmina, President of Carmina Wood Design
Zeneta Everhart, 5/14 Family Member
Tiffany Gaines, Curatorial & Digital Content Associate, Burchfield Penney Art Center

HOSTS: Angelica Morrison Communications and Community Relations Assistant Manager City of Buffalo Mayor Byron W. Brown
Mo Sumbundu, NYS Governor Kathy Hochul Liaison

Opening Remarks – Chairman Reverend Blue discussed a dramatic increase in survey responses.

5/14 Memorial Survey Results – Jim Bachwitz JRB Insights

- The group listened to a presentation from Jim Bachwitz regarding the final results of the 5/14 Memorial Survey.
- A total of 1,300 surveys were completed.
- The group is conducting private meetings with the 5/14 families, before sharing the final survey results with the general public.
- The group decided to plan another community engagement meeting.

5/14 Memorial RFS Update

- Steve Carmina discussed the RFS process.
- The group has decided to extend the deadline to Dec. 18th.
- Continued promotion of the RFS is planned.
- Mo stated the state will provide an initial funding of up to \$900,000.
- When the commission begins the fundraising process more funding will be obtained from donors and government partners.

Additional Updates

- Several family meetings have taken place.
- Several RFS submissions have been submitted.

The next meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 19th.