

July 2019



Dear Greater Austin Neighbors,

The Leadership Austin [Board of Directors](#) would like to invite each of you to consider an upcoming training opportunity in support of the Mayor's Task Force on Institutional Racism & Systemic Inequities.

**Background:** Over the last year Leadership Austin convened over 1,100 of our neighbors to participate in a shared training experience called *Beyond Diversity™*. The goal of this seminar is to gather together for a common learning experience and leave with shared language on diminishing the impact of institutional racism and systemic inequities across our community. This seminar was a recommendation from the Mayor's Task Force that is co-chaired by Leadership Austin Board Chair, Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette, President of Huston-Tillotson University, and Leadership Austin Alumni Dr. Paul Cruz, Superintendent of Austin Independent School District. They convened a steering committee and various working groups who worked to develop a series of recommendations that culminated in a final report given to the Austin City Council.

**Leadership Austin Convening:** We welcome everyone from our community to these seminars. We have directed staff to continue adding sessions to support demand. Each seminar involves a full two days at total cost of \$375. We have a limited number of scholarships for those who may need assistance with this expense. Special thanks to the [Austin Community Foundation](#) and individuals who want to be sure this seminar is financially accessible.

**Please consider joining us:**

- Please read the [task force report](#)
- If interested, complete this [seminar request form](#) found on our website with latest dates

As Board Chairs we want to thank you for considering this opportunity. If you have any questions please contact [ckennedy@leadershipaustin.org](mailto:ckennedy@leadershipaustin.org).

Sincerely,

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Colette Pierce Burnette  
2020 Board Chair

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Christopher Kennedy  
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Meroney".

Mike Meroney  
2019 Board Chair

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Toya Cirica Bell  
2018 Board Chair

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Ali Khataw  
2017 Board Chair