

## **Eatonville Initiative Advisory Committee Meetings May 2026**

The Eatonville Initiative Advisory Committee met twice in May on May 7, 2026 and on May 21, 2026.

### **Key Topics in May**

**Progress to Date:** Committee members provided feedback on the committee's work to date and offered suggestions to further build teamwork and transparency within the committee. Adding a second meeting each month through the summer was agreed on. Ensuring community meetings and meetings with the Town of Eatonville Council are held was also a key recommendation by members.

**Finalizing Mission, Vision, Values, Pillars:** Over the course of a retreat and two meetings in May, the committee updated the Vision, Values, and Pillars that it will use to guide the work. In June, the committee plans to finalize the Mission statement. The updated changes will be submitted to the Dr. Phillips Charities Board of Directors for finalization, which is expected by late June or early July.

**Eatonville Initiative Identity:** The committee reviewed the key decisions needed to develop a scope-of-work brief for the brand identity. The key to decision-making is determining what the Eatonville Initiative's narrative will focus on. Committee members briefly discussed two options for the brand identity direction. Option A is "Eatonville Initiative: Heritage & Legacy." Option B is "Eatonville Initiative: A Future Built on Legacy." The brand identity decision process will continue through future meetings.

#### ***May 7, 2026 Attendance:***

Committee - Michelle Fort (Member), Theo McWhite (Member), Carol Buford (Member), Bruce Mount Jr. (Member), Simmon Reed (Member), Joyce Irby (Member), Dr. Candace Finley (Member), Bahiyyah Maroon (Committee Chair), Stephanie Vanos (Ex-Officio Member)

Dr. Phillips Charities - Ken Robinson (Dr. Phillips Charities), Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair), Sophie Henner (Communications Specialist)

#### ***May 21, 2026 Attendance:***

Committee - Michelle Fort (Member), Theo McWhite (Member), Carol Buford (Member), Bruce Mount Jr. (Member), Simmon Reed (Member), Joyce Irby (Member), Dr. Candace Finley (Member), Bahiyyah Maroon (Committee Chair), Bea Hatler (Ex officio member).

Dr. Phillips Charities - Ken Robinson (Dr. Phillips Charities), Thomas Williams (Dr. Phillips Charities), Terry Prather (Board Chair), Sophie Henner (Communications Specialist), Stephanie St. John (Executive Assistant).