



COMMISSION UPDATE

Committee Digest

ISSUE No. 2 MEETING October 7, 2026

The year 2029 marks the 100th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s birth (January 15, 1929). This centennial milestone carries major historic and cultural significance, prompting large-scale global initiatives and commemorative events leading up to and during 2029. The MLK Commission will continue building partnerships and alignment to help celebrate the 100th anniversary.

MLK Day

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MLK Youth Day Two-Day Event:

- **Jazz Partnership:** Saturday, January 23, 2027 (7pm), Game-only experience inviting local middle school students to attend the game.
- **Mammoth Partnership:** Sunday, January 17, 2027 (3pm), full programming with workshops and a game in their new arena (room details expected Oct 1). MLK Day Subcommittee will partner with the Jazz and Mammoth to define activities and logistics for both events.
- **MLK Day Regional Outreach:** The subcommittee built outreach lists across Utah regions (covering non-profits, cities, libraries, and higher education) to invite community participation for MLK Day celebrations and offer the MLK toolkit as a resource. Outreach email will go out later this week.

Next Meeting — Oct. 1st 3:30 pm

Onboarding

LATONYA HOWELL · EDDY THOMPSON

- Onboarding Welcome Guide completed; content review approved and attached.
- Commissioner Howell moved to the MLK Toolkit Subcommittee.
- Onboarding Welcome Guide was shared with the Victim Services Commission as a best practice.

Toolkit

DANEKA SOUBERBIELLE · SCOTT HUGHES · ALAINA MARTI

MLK Youth Essay, Art, and Poetry Competition Update

- **Launch Target:** Mid-October 2026
- **Submission Deadline:** December 2, 2026
- **Rules & Guidelines:** The Subcommittee will meet this Thursday to finalize all rules, rubric details, and submission instructions. This will be shared with the Commission and discussed in our Oct. 7th Commission meeting.
- **Platform Setup:** The Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs (MCA) is configuring the Submittable platform to streamline youth entry submissions. The MLK Commission will partner with Arts & Museums for judges and a scoring rubric.

Commission Action Needed — Distribute the draft MLK statewide competition one week before the meeting. Commissioners to review

Communications

MICHELLE MOONEY · JAMEY WILLIAMS · LIZ OWENS

- **Communications Document Refinement:** Liz condensed the comprehensive draft to align directly with the strategic plan and fit committee capacity. Michelle will clean up and merge the simplified structure into the master document by next Wednesday.
- **Impact Report:** Focus shifted to an **Impact Report** aligning with the state fiscal year (ending June 30). Jamey will work on a framework for other subcommittees to report impact data by March/April 2027.

Next Meeting — November 16th (3:00 - 4:00 pm): The Communications Subcommittee will continue refining the communications strategy and discuss shared measures for tracking the Commission's work. MLK Commission will discuss using the committee digest for future Subcommittee highlights and connections. Multicultural Commission Co-Chairs Nune Phillips and Rhiana Medina would like to implement the Subcommittee Digest as a best practice.