

## Commission on International Relations & Cultural Liaison Encounters

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February 20, 2024 Hybrid Meeting: Virtual/In Person (Muscogee County Library)

- Meeting called at 6:05 p.m.
- Attendees: Judge Pete Temesgen, Kimberly Tharp (from Mayor's office), Chie Canady, Harry Underwood, Merrill Rushen
- Meeting called at 6:05pm
- Chair Temesgen: first meeting of the year, first meeting as chair.
  - Temesgen and Tharp have set up bank accounts so they can write checks for the commission.
  - John Jackson and Eric Spears are no longer on the commission, need someone as a treasurer if someone is willing to serve in that capacity.
  - Also need someone with language skills to help connect with sister cities; Temesgen is working with Counsel to bring in a new commission member.
  - Next meeting, ask members whether they wish to continue as CIRCLE members.
- Underwood: Suggestion about expansion to at least one city per continent, another suggestion as to sister city relations with a city in another US region like Tuskegee, AL with a town in Maine
- Meetings set for third Tuesdays of every month
- Meeting adjourned 6:39pm