

New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies Kicks Off New Year With Business Meetings and Public Hearing

Commission to convene in Yonkers, Rochester, and Binghamton

ALBANY, NY, UNITED STATES, January 6, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The New York State Community Commission on Reparations Remedies (NYSCCRR) will hold business meetings and continue its statewide series of public hearings in January 2026, with sessions planned in Yonkers, Rochester, and Binghamton.

The Commission will first convene for business meetings on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at two locations:

- Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave, Yonkers, NY 10701
- Urban League of Rochester, 265 N Clinton Ave, Rochester, NY 14605

Following the business meetings, the NYSCCRR will host a public hearing on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 80, 76 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13904. Community members are invited to share experiences, insights, and testimony to help shape the Commission's recommendations on reparations remedies in New York State.



The graphic features the NYSCCRR logo (blue 'CCRR' monogram) and text: "NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS REMEDIES". Below this, a blue box invites community members to attend, with the NYSCCRR logo and text: "NEW YORK STATE COMMUNITY COMMISSION ON REPARATIONS REMEDIES INVITES COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO ATTEND". To the right is a photo of three people at a public hearing. The text "PUBLIC HEARING" is prominently displayed. Below it, the "Theme: Truth and Transformation" and the "Date: January 17, 2026". The "Location: American Legion Post 80, 76 Main Street, Binghamton, NY 13904". A QR code and social media links are also present.

"We're starting the New Year with many opportunities for New Yorkers to learn more about the

Commission and to get involved," said Dr. Seanelle Hawkins, Chair of the NYSCCRR. "The Commission has listened to what the people want. We're holding business meetings at two different locations to maximize participation, and for the first time, our public hearing will take place on a Saturday. These changes reflect our commitment to making it easier for community members to attend and have their voices heard."

The public hearing will begin with brief updates from the Commission, followed by public testimony. Community members, advocates, researchers, faith leaders, and families affected by the lasting impacts of slavery, discrimination, and systemic inequities are encouraged to attend and share personal experiences, documentation, or reparatory proposals.

EVENT DETAILS

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Watch Online: Streaming link will be available at www.ny.gov/reparations

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Those unable to attend may submit written or audio testimony via email to ReparationsCommission@reparations.ny.gov or leave a voicemail by calling 518-473-3997.

Stay up to date and view past hearings:

Visit <https://www.ny.gov/programs/new-york-state-community-commission-reparations-remedies>

About the NYS Community Commission on Reparations Remedies (NYSCCRR): The NYSCCRR is dedicated to engaging New Yorkers statewide in addressing the legacies of slavery and systemic discrimination. Through community engagement and rigorous research, the Commission strives to develop meaningful, actionable recommendations for reparative policies that foster justice and equity across New York State.

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