

Minutes- Approved
Human Rights Commission
Monday, June 5, 2023
6:30pm
City Hall, Room 122
203 S. Troy Street, Royal Oak, Michigan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33pm.

2. Roll Call

Present: Brent Tillander, Rachel Andrews, Ashley Morel, Paul Brake, Kim Martin, Annie Urasky, Tiekeya Smith

Absent: Robert Luxon

Other Present: Susan Barkman

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda.

Motion By: Rachel Andrews

Second: Kim Martin

Unanimously supported.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes – [May 1, 2023](#)

Motion: To approve the minutes as corrected with Tiekeya Smith present for the meeting.

Motion By: Annie Urasky

Second: Rachel Andrews

Unanimously supported.

5. Public Comment

Lisa Mason spoke regarding the Juneteenth event.

6. Business

a. Finalize and Approve Bylaws

The group discussed the bylaws and wanted to make some changes to clarify the word commission and who it refers to, adding an email address to the accessibility, updating the provision about the special meeting to notify the staff liaison.

Motion: To approve the bylaws as written with the changes discussed.

Motion By: Annie Urasky

Second: Kim Martin

Unanimously supported.

b. Update on the Woodward Avenue Shul

Staff provided an update on the Woodward Avenue Shul incident and recapped the outreach that was done.

c. Review of Officer Election Process

The board reviewed their election process and held elections.

Chair

Motion: To nominate and appoint Rachel Andrews as the chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Motion by: Rachel Andrews

Second: Bret Tillander

Unanimously supported.

Vice-Chair

Motion: To nominate and appoint Annie Urasky as the vice-chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Motion by: Rachel Andrews

Second: Ashely Morel

Unanimously supported.

Officer At-Large

Motion: To nominate and appoint Tiekeya Smith as the Officer At-Large of the Human Rights Commission.

Motion by: Rachel Andrews

Second: Tiekeya Smith

Unanimously supported.

7. Public Comment

Lisa Mason – Congratulations on getting to this point.

8. Commissioner Reports

Annie – State-wide Civil Rights Summit on June 27th – Free and open to anyone. Focuses on Discrimination in Health.

Kim – Recently returned from NCORE which is the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. Looking forward to sharing what she learned throughout the conference.

Rachel – Happy Pride Month. Thank you for the trust to serve as the chair of the group.

Bret – Nothing

Ashley – Looking for a student representative for the group is ongoing. Working with the PTA and DEI PTA. Many school groups are on break until the fall.

Tiekeya – Excited that we have gotten this far and are moving forward.

Paul – Congratulations to the new leadership.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by: Kim Martin

Second: Annie Urasky

Unanimously supported.

10. Next Meeting - 6:30pm July 17, 2023

