



**City of Detroit**  
**Human Rights Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 PM**

**Location: CAYMC 13th Floor Auditorium and Virtual**

**Scribe: Commissioner Mendoza**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

**Present:**

- Commissioner Carter
- Vice Chair Harris
- Chair Mendoza
- Commissioner Paul
- Commissioner Ross
- Commissioner Singh
- Commissioner Wright

**Excused Absences:**

- Commissioner Buffington
- Commissioner Cole
- Commissioner Franklin
- Commissioner Olvera

**Adoption of Meeting Agenda**

Agenda was reviewed and presented to the body by Chair Mendoza. Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

- Commissioner Carter- Yes
- Vice Chair Harris- Yes
- Chair Mendoza- Yes
- Commissioner Paul- Yes
- Commissioner Ross- Yes
- Commissioner Singh- Yes
- Commissioner Wright- Yes

Agenda was adopted as presented.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and presented to the body by Chair Mendoza. Motion was made to approve the agenda as presented.

- Commissioner Carter- Yes
- Vice Chair Harris- Yes
- Chair Mendoza- Yes
- Commissioner Paul- Yes
- Commissioner Ross- Yes
- Commissioner Singh- Yes
- Commissioner Wright- Yes

Minutes were adopted as presented.

## **Chair and Vice Chair Opening Remarks**

Brief welcoming remarks by Chair Mendoza and Vice Chair Bishop Harris.

## **Commission Subcommittees Reports/Updates**

Bylaws committee chair, Commissioner Wright, presented bylaws. Commissioners spent time reviewing documents and asking clarifying questions. Chair Mendoza requested clarification on task force and sub-committee opportunities. It was confirmed that the HRC has the authority to establish sub-committees and task forces when there is an inherent responsibility to address topics, both within and beyond the scope of CRIO's services.

Commissioner Mendoza requested the below items be adjusted in the adoption of the bylaws.

- Section 4.2: Providing clarification on backfilling officer vacancies should the vice chair choose to succeed the chair.
- Section 7.8: Adjust Chair reporting requirements to align with calendar year elections and not fiscal year.

Motion was made to approve the agenda with clarifying provisions.

- Commissioner Carter- Yes
- Vice Chair Harris- Yes
- Chair Mendoza- Yes
- Commissioner Paul- Yes
- Commissioner Ross- Yes
- Commissioner Singh- Yes
- Commissioner Wright- Yes

Bylaws were adopted with recommended provisions to section 4.2 and section 7.8.

## **Commissioner Updates/Announcements**

Commissioners opted to reserve individual update for the next meeting to ensure all agenda

items could be addressed in the allotted time.

### **CRIO Department Director Report**

Deputy Director Griggs gave department updates and noted upcoming events.

### **Presentations, Hearings and/or Discussions**

Commissioners requested law present at October meeting to ensure all agenda items could be addressed in the allotted time.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Dr Carter noted a free Men's Health event on Sept. 21, 2024 at Ford Field.
- In his absence, Chair Mendoza noted Commissioner Olvera's upcoming event with Stellantis. Stellantis will hold its 25th Annual Supplier Diversity MatchMaker event October 2, 2024.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Closing Remarks**

Chair Mendoza shared gratitude for former Chair Ross' commitment to the body as a whole and to the citizens of Detroit. Gave additional appreciation to the bylaws committee and the law department for crafting such a thoughtful document to serve the body.

### **Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

- Commissioner Carter- Yes
- Vice Chair Harris- Yes
- Chair Mendoza- Yes
- Commissioner Paul- Yes
- Commissioner Ross- Yes
- Commissioner Singh- Yes
- Commissioner Wright- Yes

Meeting adjourned.

