



City of Detroit
Human Rights Commission Monthly Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025 (5:00 PM)
CAYMC 13th Floor Auditorium
Zoom Link: Join Zoom Meeting
<https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87529468205>

Meeting ID: 875 2946 8205

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- VIII. Presentations, Hearings and/or Discussions
- IX. Unfinished Business
 - a. Update from CRIO on backfilling commissioner positions
- X. New Business
 - a. February elections
 - b. 2025 meeting schedule
 - c. Subcommittees
- IX. Public Comment
- X. Chairman's Remarks
- XI. Adjournment

City of Detroit Human Rights Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: CAYMC 13th Floor Auditorium and Virtual

Scribe: Commissioner Mendoza

Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

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

Excused Absences:

- Commissioner Olvera
- Commissioner Wright
- Commissioner Cole

Approval of Minutes

- Motion made to adopt the minutes by Commissioner Carter and seconded by Commissioner Paul

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

- Motion was made by Commissioner Paul to adopt the agenda and seconded by Commissioner Carter.

Chair and Vice Chair Opening Remarks

- Chair and Vice Chair were brief, noting they would be saving their items for New Business.

Commissioner Updates

- Commissioner Harris took on a new role with the city's Health Department for a ceasefire initiative.

- Commissioner Carter shared an update that WSU received federal funding for education and care grants.
- Chair Mendoza discussed training webinar in District 4 for emerging developers that was held November 17th, 2024.

Commission Subcommittee Reports/Updates

- No updates.

CRIO Department Director Report

- Provided staffing updates, upcoming strategic planning, and December events.

Presentations, Hearings and/or Discussions

- Presentation from law on HRC scope of authority presentation from law department. Rescheduled from September meeting.
- Several commissioners asked about formulating policies. Law noted it may be an appropriate conversation for a subcommittee
- Commissioner Paul recommended it could be something the bylaws committee takes on to support.
 - Could transition into a “Policy and Operations” committee.

Unfinished Business

- Commissioner Harris discussed utility boxes across the city that are too low to the ground. Noted they are typically higher in other cities. Director Zander recommended reaching out to district manager to troubleshoot who owns so it can be addressed.

New Business

- Chair Mendoza congratulated Commissioner Olvera on Crain’s 40 Under 40 award.
- Commission body agreed to cancel December 2024 meeting. Will meet again Thursday, January 16th at 5pm.
- Chair Mendoza noted the importance of holding elections and need for a quorum.
- Commission discussed setting goals for subcommittees and operations
 - Including how we receive inquiries, participating in District Manager meetings, review of existing committees and potential opportunities for new committees
- Chair Mendoza recommended Harris be keynote speakers for 12/10 Human Right’s awards.
- Commissioner Singh inquired about CRIO strategic planning session 12/12 and thought it would be helpful to attend, if possible. Commissioners are invited to attend and will be forwarded details.

Public Comment:

- Director Zander shared Detroit earns 9th consecutive perfect score on national index for protection of LGBTQ+ community.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.