



HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Jackson Human Relations Commission is to serve as an official agency of the City of Jackson, responsible for advising and making recommendations to the City Manager and City Council concerning good human relations, combating discrimination within the community wherever it exists, and for acting to promote needed change.

Date: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Place: City Hall, City Council Chambers
161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson MI, 49201

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call. Robert VanSumeren, Shalanda Hunt (Resigned) Cheryl Ragland (Meeting Chair), Miriam Brown Dorsey, Amy Rich, Maurice Imhoff, Barbara Holt and James Johnson, Jr., Jha Bikash, present. Absent: Shalanda Hunt (excused, resigned). Also present: Councilperson Arline Robinson. A quorum is present.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda. Motion to amend agenda, Ragland. Second, Dorsey. Unanimously passed. Adopt agenda, Ragland. Second, Ragland. Unanimous passage.
- IV. Citizen Comments (3-Minute Limit). No citizen comments.
- V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes. Motion, Dorsey. Second, VanSumeren. Unanimously passed.
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report. Dep. Chief Garcia. Staffing continues to be an issue. Internships ongoing. Gang resistance program; 8-week training for 6th graders. Work begun for Summit to Reduce Violence.
- VII. Committee Reports.
 - Nominating Committee (Brown-Dorsey, Hunt, Holt).
 - Project Development Committee (Rich, Ragland, Imhoff).
 - Policy and Complaint Committee (Bikash, VanSumern ,Hunt, Brown-Dorsey).
 - Public Relations/Communications Committee (Rich, Brown-Dorsey).
 - Finance Report (Holt, VanSumeren).

Selection of HRC Officers.

- a. Nominations for Chair. Dorsey nominates Ragland for Chair. Holt, Second. Unanimously elected.
- b. Vice-chair. Ragland, motions to elect Rich. Holt, second. Unanimously passed.
- c. Secretary, Dorsey motion to elect, VanSumeren. Second, Holt. Unanimously elected.
- d. Treasurer. Motion to elect Holt, Ragland. VanSumeren, Second. Unanimously elected.

VIII. Old Business

- a. HRC 2024 Meeting Calendar
 - 1 February, 21st. Meeting location (?) :
 - a Options, meet in Hunt's ward (5), meet at Library, meet on different floor of City Hall. Dorsey will check with library. Holt checking with Hunt. Ragland will reserve 10th floor conference in city hall.
 - b June HRC meeting: June 18th, Tuesday. City Hall.
- b. Community HRC Meetings (2). No update.
- c. Housing Event. Rich, Imhoff, Ragland. Committee will meet Feb. 3rd, Cheryl's house, 12:30pm.
- d. Ex-Officio Seats: Business, Education, and Health Care
- e. Mediator Training. Rich will follow up.

IX. New Business

- a. Resignation of Shalanda Hunt. Johnson, Jr., motion to accept. Second, Dorsey. Unanimously passed.
- b. Date for February, 2024, HRC Meeting.
- c. We need a list of phone numbers.

X. City Councilmember Liaison Comments.

XI. Commissioner's Comments.

XII. City Staff Liaison Comments.

XIII. Adjournment. Motion, VanSumeren. Second, Johnson, Jr. Unanimously adjourned at 6:53pm.

These minutes, taken from my notes and from the best of my recollection, are respectfully submitted.

Robert W. VanSumeren,
Secretary
Human Relations Commission