

## HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** May 20, 2026

**Place:** City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chambers 161 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, MI. 49201

- I. Call to order by James Johnson at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Attendance
  - a. Roll Call (present): Donna Brown, Amy Rich, James Johnson Jr., Amanda (Mandy) Hale, Mary Bracey, and Anne deIrala (not present) Miriam Brown Dorsey
  - b. Also in attendance Doria LaPorte, John Willis, Lt. J. Lillie
- III. Adoption of the Agenda: addition of Commissioner Behavior added to new business. Motion by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Approved.
- IV. No citizen comments
- V. Approval of Previous Minutes: name change for Anne deIrala. Motion by Mary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Approved.
- VI. Community Liaison Police Officer Report – Lt. J. Lillie
  - a. Miller, previously a cadet, sworn in 5/20
  - b. Currently two vacancies
  - c. Reserve Academy – three currently graduating 6/26
  - d. Six retirements between 2026-2027: 1 Lt., 2 Sgt., 1 Det., 2 Off
  - e. More recruiting at various community events
  - f. 5/9 shooting on Biddle St – ongoing
  - g. 2 homicides in 2026 – both suspects in custody
  - h. Katie Arnst hired 5/12 in records dept.
  - i. Successful Tunnels to Towers May 2026
- VII. Committee Reports
  - a. Nominating Committee – Nothing to report per James J. (lead)
  - b. Project Development Committee – Will regroup after Planning meeting per Amy R. (lead)
  - c. Policy and Complaint Committee – nothing to report as Miriam D. (lead) absent
  - d. Finance Report – per Amy R. (lead)
    - i. \$6,628.04 left to spend before 06/30/26
    - ii. \$10,000 for fiscal year 26/27 – 07/01/26
- VIII. Old Business
  - a. Strategic Planning Meeting
    - i. June 13<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 9a-12p
    - ii. Lean Rocket Lab with catering via KeniKakes
    - iii. Spending ~\$3,000 or less for meeting Motion by Amy 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne. ~\$3000 or less in HRC-logo items to be used by the commission Motion by Amy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna. Approved pending city approval via Doria.
    - iv. Bring ideas
      1. Publish roster on city website
      2. Racial equity audit – work with their commission
      3. Do we represent LGBTQ when they move into the city
      4. Should we pay for trainings – Robert’s Rules, mediation, etc.

- IX. New Business
  - a. History of the HRC – John Willis (History of the HRC can be found via Jackson District Library archives)
  - b. Review of HRC Ordinance
  - c. Commissioner Behavior – conduct unbecoming, not over police (must go through police oversight or racial equity), all complaints go to lead (Miriam) – brought to commission – only bring to city council if approved with full backing of HRC (we do not represent the HRC individually, only as a body)
- X. City Councilmember comments – n/a as she was absent
- XI. Commissioner’s Comments
- XII. City Staff Liaison Comments
- XIII. Adjournment at 7:19 p.m. Motion by Donna, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amanda. Approved.