

Human Relations Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Henry Fernandez, Anthony Gennaro, Sanji Lawrence, Alicia Moody, Howard Thody, and Faith Jackson, Director of Equal Opportunity and Diversity Management

Excused Absence: Ava Hart and Debbie Ruimerman

Absence: Tasha Edens

QUORUM: *Yes:* X *No:*

Call to Order: Prior to the meeting, Chairperson Hart had requested that Commissioner Fernandez chair the meeting in her absence. Commissioner Fernandez called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. He noted for the record that there was a quorum present. Chairperson Hart was excused. For the record, Commissioner Ruimerman was attempting to enter the meeting and could not do so.

Public Session: None.

Regular Meeting:

Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Thody motioned to approve the November 16, 2022 Meeting Agenda. Commissioner Gennaro seconded. The motion properly carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Gennaro motioned to approve the October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Thody seconded. The motion properly carried.

Old Business: Commissioner Fernandez moved the discussion to the approval of the Working Definition of Antisemitism for resolution to go before the Common Council.

Motion: Commissioner Gennaro motioned that the Working Definition of Antisemitism, as approved by the Human Relations Commission, go before the Common Council on December 5, 2022. Commissioner Thody seconded. The motion properly carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion: Commissioner Gennaro motioned that the Human Relations Commission invite Jay Tulin and Myra Clark-Siegel to the Common Council on December 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to speak on the resolution. Commissioner Thody seconded. The motion properly carried with a unanimous vote.

New Business: Commissioner Fernandez moved the discussion to New Business. The commission decided to table the discussion of the commission vacancy until the next meeting.

Review: The commission reviewed the attendance. There was no discussion on the attendance.

Announcements:

The next regular monthly meeting of the commission will be December 21, 2022. The commission asked that returning to in-person meetings be put on the December agenda for discussion and vote. Commissioner Gennaro recommended that Director Jackson follow up on the requirements for meetings because at this time they all may have to be either through WebEx or hybrid. The commission may not be permitted to meet only in person. Director Jackson said she would follow up with General Counsel and Information Technology on the meeting requirements.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Gennaro motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lawrence seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kasey Maurice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kasey Maurice,
Administrative Sec. III