

MINUTES  
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
August 18, 2020 5:30 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, City Hall

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	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current</u> <u>Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Theo Williams	(06-02)	10/08/22
	Dr. Jennifer Jackson	(08-00)	10/08/22
	Rusty Summers	(14-03)	10/08/21
	Michael Jasper	(16-01)	10/08/22
	Rev. Brian Kirk	(14-03)	10/08/20
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT :</b>	Bridget Supple	(11-06)	10/08/21
	Claire Clark	(08-09)	10/08/20
	Terri Lowdon	(10-07)	10/08/20
	Hamilton Henderson	(11-03)	10/08/21
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Bryan Carter, City Attorney Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary		

**Item #1 Call to Order**

Summers called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Clark – absent, Henderson – absent, Jackson – present via Zoom, Jasper – present via Zoom, Kirk – present via Zoom, Lowdon – absent, Summers – present, Supple – absent, Williams – present via Zoom. Quorum is present.

**Item #2 Approval of Minutes**

Jasper moved to approve the minutes for the July meeting. Dr. Jackson seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion passed.

**Item #3 Old Business**

**Item #3a. Inclusion of public accommodation in mediation assistance**

Jasper stated there had not been any research on the topic. Carter clarified that the Commission previously decided to do research before meeting with the City Council, but he can schedule a work session whenever the Commission wanted it. Rev. Kirk inquired about getting the rejection reasoning to be able to do research based upon that. Summers asked Carter what the best way to approach the matter would be. Carter suggested for the Commission to come up with their reasons for wanting it public accommodation included in mediation assistance and

be prepared to elaborate with the City Council on those reasons. Summers suggested each member write a summary about their goals for the topic for the next meeting. Dr. Jackson asked if they could email the members of the City Council about their position on the topic to prepare research. Carter confirmed they could.

**Item #3b. Conversion therapy ban ordinance**

Summers asked Rev. Kirk about his research into conversion therapy. Rev. Kirk stated no one admitted to practicing it, but many things are put in place not necessarily to stop something but to prevent it from happening. Summers asked Dr. Jackson to speak to the chair of Columbia's Commission to see what they presented to their City Council. Carter stated he could talk to the original sponsor and see if he wanted to move forward. Jasper asked what the City Council wanted changed. Carter said he would report back in September.

**Item #3c. Related old business**

Rev. Kirk informed the Commission they now have access to the HRC Facebook page. Dr. Jackson suggested posting about the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ending women's suffrage. Rev. Kirk stated that he knows the parameters of the City for the page and asked if they wanted him to run it. He suggested to bring items to meetings that members want posted. Jasper suggested if he is the moderator for him to have discretion of what to post in case something comes up during the month they can send them to him.

Dr. Jackson moved to have Rev. Kirk run the Commission's Facebook page. Jasper seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion passed.

Summers asked about the status of the window clings. Carter stated they are available in the Legal Department.

Summers said she got contact information for Lowden of a community activist for her to reach out to come speak to the Commission. Carter stated if anyone gets something arranged let him know in 24 hours advance of a meeting and he can add it to the agenda.

Summers asked about an attendance provision for Human Rights Commission members in the Code of Ordinances. Carter stated he would research the requirements. Summers asked about Clark's attendance; Carter noted that Clark's, Lowden's, and Rev. Kirk's terms expire in October; Lowden has confirmed she would like to be considered for reappointment; Rev. Kirk confirmed he would like to be considered for reappointment; Carter will inquire about Clark's interest in being reappointed.

**Item #4      New Business**

**Item #4a.      Pride Festival Planning**

Summers stated Pride Festival was cancelled. Rev. Kirk stated there will be an online event in October and he thinks it would be important for them to be visible at the online event. Summers asked him to email Carter if he finds more information out before next meeting.

**Item #4b.      Commission member interest in serving on Community Police Advisory Board**

Carter stated if anyone is interested in serving on the Community Police Advisory Board, they can let him know and he will notify the City Clerk to add them to a list of citizens interested in serving. He noted they are open meetings and Commission members are welcome to attend. Dr. Jackson and Summers said they would like to be added to the list.

**Item #4c.      Related New Business**

None.

**Item #5      City Staff Update**

No new updates that were not previously addressed during the meeting.

**Item #6      Public Comment**

Kenny Reeder requested that his attendance at the meeting be recorded in the minutes. Teresa Parks asked for a similar recording.

**Item #7.      Future Agenda Overview**

Carter provided an overview of the anticipated next Commission meeting agenda.

**Item # 8.      Adjourn**

Jasper made a motion to adjourn, Rev. Kirk seconded. No members opposed the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary (Legal Assistant)