

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
September 15, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Fourth 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 Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dr. Jennifer Jackson	(09-00)	10/08/22
	Rusty Summers	(15-03)	10/08/21
	Michael Jasper	(17-01)	10/08/22
	Rev. Brian Kirk	(15-03)	10/08/20
	Terri Lowdon	(11-07)	10/08/20
	Bridget Supple	(12-06)	10/08/21
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Claire Clark	(08-10)	10/08/20
	Hamilton Henderson	(11-04)	10/08/21
	Theo Williams	(06-03)	10/08/22
STAFF PRESENT:	Bryan Carter, City Attorney		
	Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary		

Item #1 Call to Order

Summers called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

Item #2 Approval of Minutes

Lowden moved to approve the minutes. Jasper seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion passed.

Item #3 Old Business

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

Jasper reported on his correspondence with the Mayor and City Council members regarding inclusion of public accommodation in mediation assistance and the conversion therapy ban.

There was discussion on how to proceed. Dr. Jackson informed the members of the Commission of research her students had done last semester for the Commission. Lowden suggested that information be presented at the work session and for the Commission to have their own work session before the work session with the Council. Summers requested that

everyone to come up with something before the next meeting they want presented. Dr. Jackson stated she would create slides for the work session if the members wanted to send her their information.

Item #3b. Conversion therapy ban ordinance

Carter informed the Commission the new ordinance for the conversion therapy ban was attached to the meeting packet. He made changes to the original ordinance at the request of members of the City Council from. If the Commission is satisfied with the revised ordinance, it will likely be filed for first reading at the next City Council meeting on Monday, September 21. Summers stated if anyone wanted to show support, they could attend the meeting or e-mail the City Council members before the meeting.

Commission members raised concerns about the exception for religious counseling. Rev. Kirk clarified that the revised language would allow licensed provider to perform conversion therapy as religious counseling. Carter stated he will revise the language to limit that possibility.

Item #3c. Related old business

None.

Item #4 New Business

Item #4a. LGBTQ history event Planning

Rev. Kirk reported that there will be a series of video premiers in October for LGBTQ history month. He suggested the Commission could do a short video greeting or an information screen to be shown during the series. Jasper recommended Summers do a video. Summers asked if everyone would like to do one. In respect for time they decided just a couple of people make a video for the series.

Jasper moved for Summers and Kirk work on the video. Lowden seconded the motion. All approved.

Motion passed.

Item #4b. Related New Business

Dr. Jackson told the Commission she was asked to speak to Missouri Western's Honors Students and will mention the Commission and what it does.

Item #5 City Staff Update

Carter read proposed changes made to the religious counseling section of the conversion therapy ban ordinance as requested earlier in the meeting. That change modified the subsection to state as follows:

This section shall not be deemed to prohibit religious counseling provided by officials of churches or religious organizations that are recognized by the Internal Revenue Services as churches or religious organizations, provided such religious counseling is not provided by a licensed medical or mental health professional.

Rev. Kirk and Lowden agreed with the changes. Everyone agreed the update was good and it should proceed for first reading at the next City Council meeting. Carter committed to attempting to have the ordinance on the City Council agenda with substantially the same language as that previously read—with minor changes to improve readability.

Item #6 Public Comment

None.

Item #7. Future Agenda Overview

There will be an update on the inclusion of public accommodation in mediation assistance. The conversion therapy ban ordinance will still be on the agenda for the update to the Commission.

Item # 8. Adjourn

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Brianna Moe, Recording Secretary (Legal Assistant)