



**MINUTES**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2024, 4:30 PM**

The Human Relations Commission convened in regular session at 4:30 PM, October 10, 2024. Chair Anthony Jones called the meeting to order at 4:33 PM.

**Roll Call**

| Attendee Name   | Title        | Status  |
|-----------------|--------------|---------|
| Anthony Jones   | Chair        | Present |
| Rhonda Smith    | Commissioner | Present |
| Ky Ajayi        | Commissioner | Present |
| Kiranmayi Konam | Commissioner | Present |
| Amy Endicott    | Commissioner | Absent  |
| Uma Kailasam    | Commissioner | Absent  |
| Netia Carey     | Commissioner | Absent  |

**Public Comment**

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**Approval of Minutes**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the July 13, 2023, Regular Human Relations Committee meeting.

**Commissioner Konam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ajayi, to approve the item as presented**

**Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES: Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi**

**Motion passed.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Regular Human Relations Committee meeting

**Commissioner Ajayi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Konam, to approve the item as presented**

**Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:**

**Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi

**Motion passed.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.H. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2024, Regular Human Relations Committee meeting

**Commissioner Konam made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to remand the item back to**

**Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:**

**AYES:** Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi

**Motion withdrawn.**

## **Regular Agenda**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.A. Presentation providing an update on Bloomington Human Relations Committee Complaints by Gregory Wilson.

There is one new HRC complaint. Wilson mentioned one new racial complaint that was received on 10/9/2024. A meeting was held between Michael Hurt, Gregory Wilson, and the complainant. Michael Hurt will be sending out a letter to the employer to gather additional details. Wilson will have additional information to share based on the employer's response.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.B. Presentation providing an update on the 2025 MLK Luncheon By Tony Jones.

Jones mentioned the \$25,000 price for Dr. Julianne Malveaux for the 2025 MLK event. Thi would take care of her travel but not lodging and transportation. Jones mentioned Michael Hurt being the one needing to sign off on that. Ajayi asked how we arrived at Dr. Julianne Malveaux. Ajayi mentioned the names should have been bought to the commission before Malveaux was given the opportunity to accept the offer. Ajayi mentioned the importance of having options for the speakers. Jones mentioned the quick turnaround time for finalizing a speaker. Ajayi mentioned that he would have liked to see the process behind choosing a speaker. Jones mentioned historically Ernestine Jackson would identify a speaker. When it was Normal Commission year to choose, they would select the speaker. Konam mentioned having a list of names to choose from two years ago. Smith asked if there is a timeline for the speaker to be confirmed. Jones mentioned being behind schedule with having a speaker identified. Jones mentioned November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 being a deadline for a speaker. Ajayi mentioned wanting to vote for Michael Harriot. Michael Harriot wants \$27,000.00. Konam mentioned how she would like for us to look at local talent. Smith mentioned Normal Human Relations needing to be aware of the speaker that is chosen.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.C. Presentation providing recap on DiverCITY! by Gregory Wilson.

Wilson discussed DiverCITY! being a success. He mentioned roughly 500 people that attended the event.