



**MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025, 4:30 PM**

The Human Relations Commission convened in regular session at 4:30 PM, January 9, 2025. Chair Anthony Jones called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to publiccomment@cityblm.org at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. Individuals wishing to speak in-person may register at cityblm.org/register at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The following item was presented:

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the September 12, 2024, Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting.

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

Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi; Kailasam

Motion passed.

The following item was presented:

Item 4.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the October 10, 2024,

Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting.

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

Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi; Kailasam

Motion passed.

The following item was presented:

Item 4.C. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting.

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

Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi; Kailasam

Motion passed.

Regular Agenda

The following item was presented:

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

Gregory Wilson mentioned no new complaints received.

The following item was presented:

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

Commissioner Tony Jones mentioned the event is on Saturday, 1/11/2025. He mentioned a meeting was held with Normal Human Relations Commission on 1/9/2025. Keynote speaker will fly into Bloomington on January 10th and they fly out early Sunday morning. Commissioner Jones picked up the awards. Commissioner Kailasam has five youth members that will be assisting with helping guests find their seats. Commissioner Smith mentioned if we have a sign language interpreter. Tony Jones mentioned we would not have an interpreter this year.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.C. Presentation providing an update on the 2025 Black History Month Essay By Gregory Wilson.

Gregory Wilson mentioned that the initial email to share with community groups and school went out on January 9th, 2024. Gregory Wilson also asked the commissioners if they would be willing to vote for the best essay.

The following item was presented:

Item 5.D. Update on incorporating educational components into the supported causes of the Human Relations Commission by Tony Jones.

Tony Jones mentioned that a decision was made to pause meetings until after the 2025 MLK event and then meet again to discuss a future event.

Old Business

New Business

Gregory Wilson shared that the Delta Sigma Theta chapter reached out regarding their upcoming Soulful Jazz Brunch. They requested support from the Human Relations Commission in the form of purchasing a full-page color ad for \$175. Commissioner Rhonda Smith highlighted that supporting this event contributes to scholarship programs and community initiatives, including those for underserved students. The event will feature a gospel component and a soul food brunch. Rhonda Smith also suggested setting up a table to share information about the commission at the event. Gregory Wilson will explore options for any items that can be distributed.

Commissioner Ajayi mentioned it being his last meeting. He will get with Gregory Wilson to discuss the process. Commissioners thanked Commissioner Ajayi for his service.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date

February 13, 2025

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

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

Chair Jones directed the clerk to call roll:

AYES: Smith; Konam; Jones; Ajayi; Kailasam

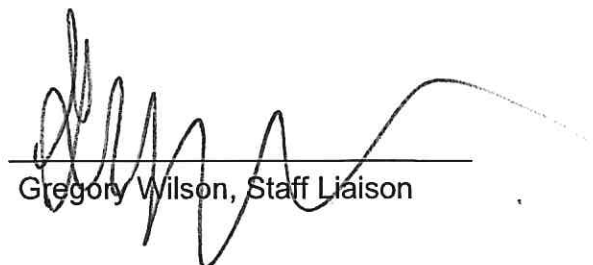
Motion passed.

The Meeting Adjourned at 4:59 PM.

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Anthony Jones, Chair



Gregory Wilson, Staff Liaison

