



**MINUTES**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION - REGULAR SESSION**  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025, 4:30 PM**

The Human Relations Commission convened in regular session at 4:38 PM, August 14, 2025. Chair Anthony Jones called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Anthony Jones	Chair	Present
Rhonda Smith	Commissioner	Present
Amy Endicott	Commissioner	Present
Uma Kailasam	Commissioner	Absent
Netia Carey	Commissioner	Absent
Mitchell D'rozario	Commissioner	Present
Kiranmayi Konam	Commissioner	Absent

**Public Comment**

*Individuals wishing to provide emailed public comment must email comments to [publiccomment@cityblm.org](mailto: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](http://cityblm.org/register) at least 5 minutes before the start of the meeting.*

No public comments.

**Approval of Minutes**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.A. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the January 9, 2025, Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting.

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

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

**AYES:** Smith; Jones; Endicott; D'Rozario

**Motion passed.**

*The following item was presented:*

Item 4.B. Consideration and Action to Approve the Minutes of the April 10, 2025, Regular Human Relations Commission Meeting.

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

Item 5.C. Presentation providing a recap on the 2025 Black History Month Essay by Gregory Wilson.

Gregory Wilson mentioned the essay contest had 54 applicants. He mentioned that the event continues to grow and has an increase in applications.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.D. Consideration to Approve Bloomington- Normal Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Soulful Gospel Brunch Ad Book request.

Commissioner Tony Jones mentioned the event happening in March 2025. Commission agreed to not take action for this year due to the event being over.

*The following item was presented:*

Item 5.E. Presentation providing a recap on the 2025 Juneteenth Festival By Tony Jones.

Tony Jones mentioned the Community Icon awards being a highlight of the event. The past mayor of Bloomington, John Elliott, and Chamberly Harris were awarded. Miss and Little Miss Juneteenth were also highlighted at the event. Tony Jones mentioned the event continuing to grow.

## Old Business

## New Business

Tony Jones announced that the Cultural Fest will be held on August 23. He requested that the Human Relations Commission vote to sponsor the annual event with a contribution of \$2,500. Tony explained that the Cultural Fest is designed to educate the community about diverse cultures and styles of entertainment.

Amy Endicott asked whether the sponsorship would be tied to a specific budget item. Tony responded that the funds would support event expenses, including building rental, tents, tables, and other costs. Amy also suggested that the sponsorship include an opportunity to promote Human Relations Commission awareness at the event. Mitchell D'rozario asked if the City would be marketing the event on their social media pages. Tony Jones mentioned the City of Bloomington does market the event and will be present.

Amy Endicott mentioned the upcoming Social Justice forum. The focus will be on housing equity and environmental justice. The proposed date is October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Chair Jones made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Endicott, to approve the item as presented.**

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

**AYES:** Smith; Jones; Endicott; D'Rozario

**Motion passed.**

## Next Scheduled Meeting Date

September 11, 2025

## Adjournment

The Meeting Adjourned at 5:03 PM.