

Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2022 – Remote Meeting – 6:30-7:30 pm

**REMOTE PARTICIPATION MEETING**

**Conducted pursuant to the Executive Order dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Gen.L.c.30A &20, et seq., and 940 CMR29.01, et seq.**

*In response to Governor Baker's declaration of a public health emergency and the related Emergency Executive Order dated March 12, 2020, the Human Rights Commission shall be meeting remotely until further notice. The audioconferencing application Go to Meeting will be used for this purpose. An online link and telephone access number will be provided on all meeting agendas and also on the Human Rights Commission website. This application will permit the public to access and participate in future Human Rights Commission meetings. Instructions for joining meetings in this manner will be provided on the Human Rights Commission website. . We extend our thanks for your understanding in this manner, which is intended to keep members of the Commission safe.*

**Chairman Kevin Merritt was unable to stay for meeting: Donna Gaffey called the meeting to order, stating the declarations above and asking all members to identify themselves and their home address.**

Online for the meeting were:

Pat Kilty	Rob Bardell
Donna Gaffey	Beliz Baloglu
Lindsay Beal	Jane Francis
Sheila Ryder	Eduardo Juarez-Martinez
Erin Bradley, MD	Tshilobo Kadima

Motion to start the meeting was made by Pat Kilty, Second by Jane Francis. Roll Call vote and meeting began at 6:30.

First order of business was approval of meeting minutes for August 26, September 23, October 28, and December 9, 2021. All months needed to be tabled as a quorum for each of those months were not available to vote.

**Subcommittee reports:**

- **Community Outreach update (Jane & Pat)**  
Nothing new to report this month.
- **Event planning update (Lindsay & Donna) –**  
Lindsay spoke to networking, possible event with Ben Jacques and utilizing google docs for email listing for upcoming events and conversations. Lindsay also spoke to Stoneham Reads and launch of the new book “Americana”.
- **Education subcommittee update (Sheila, Rob and Erin)**  
November sent emails to various organizations. Looking to inquire regarding proposal to Senator Lewis similar to last year to request funds for bystander training.
- **Discussion:**  
Discussed local MLK events.
- **Discussion of Logo**  
Sheila will send out again for next meeting
- **New Business**

Erin made suggestion to look into Juneteenth Event.

Pat mentioned Pride Event: Lindsay offered that there was now a Pride Committee who is planning event for June.

New student members offered what they have been working on recently, Eduardo spoke of a MLK contest at the High School, students wrote short stories, also had art pieces, An Art Festival is planned to display this for late November or December.

Beliz spoke to School Administration addressing Racism and Hate Speech, Diversity and Inclusion workshop.

- Next meeting scheduled for February 17, 2022 at 6:30pm virtual. (Roll call vote)
- Motion to adjourn made by Pat Kilty, second by Jane Francis, roll call vote held and meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.