

Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2021 – 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 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
Donna Gaffey
Lindsay Beal
Sheila Ryder
Erin Bradley, MD

Motion to start the meeting was made by, Pat Kilty. Second by Lindsay Beal.

First order of business was approval of meeting minutes for August and September, 2021. Both months needed to be tabled as a quorum for each of those months was not available.

Subcommittee reports:

- **Community Outreach update (Jane & Pat)** Pat reported she had attended Sen. Lewis round table at Senior Center, Lindsay did as well. It was a great networking event with many groups represented. Sen. Lewis gave updates on social justice bills. Ben Jacques was present and mentioned upcoming event to network at Library on November 16th.
- **Event Planning update (Lindsay & Donna)** – Lindsay and Donna will be reaching out and working with Ben Jacques on the social justice event at the library.
- **Education subcommittee update (Sheila, Rob and Erin)** Sheila spoke on up stander training and reaching out to Megan Samborski of the Boys and Girls Club who has utilized Hollaback and they shared resources.

Discussion:

- Terms for HRC members- submitting if we would like to stay on and for how long.
- Kevin to research to find out status of students and if they would have ex officio status. Kevin is awaiting regarding students from the Superintendent. Kevin is also looking into Attorney General meeting regarding hate crimes
- Sheila updated on logo contest entries, will be sending out for feedback from the group.
- Erin also spoke to vaccine – Human Rights Issues. Texas legislation which will result on infringement of health access and, and could eventually effect LBGTQ community
- Sheila commented on the recent comments on social media regarding the high school.

No new business

- Next meeting scheduled for December 2nd at 6:30.
- Motion to adjourn made by Pat, second by Sheila, roll call vote held and meeting was adjourned.