

MINUTES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
THURSDAY, November 15, 2018

- 1) Commissioner MacLaughlin **called the meeting to order** at 7:05 pm in the Olmsted County Government Center, Room 104.

Commissioner	Gale Julius, Chair	absent
Commissioner	Karen MacLaughlin, Treasurer	present
Commissioner	Jennifer Belisle	present
Commissioner	Barry Skolnick	present
Commissioner	Rey Caban	present via skype
Commissioner	Daniel Dogoeskie	absent
Commissioner	Carrie Osowski	absent
Commissioner	Kindra Ramaker	present
Commissioner	Sandra Banuelos	absent
Commissioner	Menal Abbadi	absent
Youth Commissioner	Marcus Yao	present
County Commissioner	Mark Thein	present
County Commissioner	Gregg Wright	present
Mediation and Conflict Solutions	Wendy Moore, Director	present
Olmsted County Administration	Brittney Marschall, Administrative Coordinator	present

- 2) **Consensus on agenda:** Commissioner MacLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the [agenda](#). Commissioner Belisle moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Ramaker seconded.
5/0 motion passes.

3) No public comment

- 4) **Minutes:** Commissioner MacLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Belisle moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Skolnick seconded.
5/0 motion passes.

5) Action Item(s):

- a. Election of Human Rights Commissioners to Executive Board:
 Commissioner MacLaughlin asked for nominations to elect commissioner members to the Executive Board consisting of the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Chair – Skolnick nominated Commissioner Ramaker
 - Vice Chair – MacLaughlin self-nominated
 - Secretary – No nominations
 - Treasurer: Belisle self-nominated

Commissioner MacLaughlin asked for a motion to approve the elections of the Executive Board. Commissioner Belisle moved to approve the minutes. Commissioner Skolnick seconded.

5/0 motion passes.

- b. Discussion Continuation: County Admin Boards/Commissions Inventory and Human Rights Commission Next Steps: Commissioner MacLaughlin opened the discussion and commissioner discussed/recapped with the following points:
 - By-laws need to be updated
 - Commissioner orientation to the HRC would be helpful that way new members have the history of the commission, priorities, copy of bylaws, etc.
 - Commission Communications- the chair should not be taking positions on topics that all commission members have not heard about or talked about. Commissioner Ramaker will bring back a strategy to the next meeting.
 - The commission would like to consider a third option in addition to the two suggested by the County. Commissioner Belisle will flush out the options and bring back to the next meeting with language that the commission can discuss further.

6) Informational Item (s):

- a. Q & A for Mediation and Conflict Services: Executive Director Moore noted she sent the report ahead of the meeting for review by commissioners. Moore reported there weren't many calls during November. There are still 2 active cases. Ms. Marschall will work with Ms. Moore on phone number placement on the website.
- a. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.
- b. Updates from Commissioners:
 - i. Commissioner Skolnick announced the Meet and Greet with the City Planning Director on November 20th.
 - ii. Commissioner Banuelos who is a certified MN sure navigator encourages anyone with a case to follow-up because of delays. Make sure people are keeping proof of when they submitted their applications, so they have a time stamp.
- c. Ms. Marschall will include Part I and Part II of board/commission presentation in the Minutes
- d. The Next meeting is on December 20, 2018.

7) **Adjourn:** Commissioner Ramaker made a motion to Adjourn, Commissioner Belisle seconded.

8) 5/0 Motion passes.