



One City for All People

**Full Commission Meeting – Minutes**  
**Monday, August 14, 2023, 4:00pm-5:30 pm**  
**Sonny West Auditorium**  
**700 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S., Nashville, TN 37210**

*The mission of the Metro Human Relations Commission is to protect and promote the personal dignity, peace, safety, security, health, and general welfare of all people in Nashville and Davidson County.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioners in attendance: Ariel Safdie, Maryam Abolfazli, Irwin Venick, Amy Charlton, Garlinda Burton, Alecia Wynn, Dakota Galban, Marcus Buggs, Larea Kwakye, Ben Tran, Pratik Dash, Genma Stringer Holmes, Kosar Kosar, Charles Traughber

Commissioners absent: Dan Cadenas, Jorge Salles Diaz, Edubina Arce

Staff in attendance: Davie Tucker, Ashley Bachelder, Crystal Cockrill, Cathy Carrillo

Attorney: Matthew Garth

**2. CONFIRM QUORUM**

Quorum was confirmed and the meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm.

**3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes were approved; no edits were needed.

**4. FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Director Tucker provided the financial update. There were no changes in the budget.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

- Feedback Project – MHRC has organized a group of community organizations that are working to address food delivery issues in Metro.
- Town Hall Pass – The platform launched on 08/07/2023 for community engagement events and information.
- Executive committee nominations process – The Commissioners will email their nominations to Crystal Cockrill who will forward them to Commissioner Traughber. The vote will take place on 09/11/2023.

- New administration engagement plan – Ashley presented a draft of the 2023 – 2024 MHRC Priority Work Areas plan. Commissioners were asked to email Crystal a short bio and picture to add to the document by 08/28/2023. Commissioner Dash expressed concern about whether or not the current staff has the capacity to accomplish the goals outlined in the document. He urged the commission to continue to advocate for more staff members.
- Ethics complaint – Commissioner Abolfazli explained the Benefits Board decision to not support specific trans healthcare. Pratik requested a list of members of the Board. Crystal emailed the list to the Commissioners.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- TIRCC's InterNASHional Night Marker – 09/23/2023

**9. ADJOURN**

**Appeal of Decisions from the Metro Human Relations Commission**

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