



One City for All People

Commission Meeting
Monday, August 05, 2024, 4:00pm – 5:30pm
Howard Office Building, Sonny West Conference Center
700 President Ronald Way 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.

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AGENDA

Commissioners in Attendance: Maryam Abolfazli, Jeff Teague, Charles Traughber, Dr. Ben Tran, Genma Stringer-Holmes, Larea Kwayke, Erin Coleman, Todd McKinney, Dakota Galban, Dahrone Johnson, Kosar Kosar

Commissioners not in Attendance: Edubina Arce, Dr. Amy Charlton, Marcus Buggs, Alecia Wynn, Whitney Pastorek, Garlinda Burton

MHRC Staff in Attendance: Davie Tucker, Daniel Yoon, Ashley Bachelder

Metro Legal Attorney: Matthew Garth

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Maryam Abolfazli
2. **CONFIRM QUORUM**
 - Quorum was confirmed at 4:34pm.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
 - None given.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - The minutes were approved with no edits.
5. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**
 - Deferred to the October meeting.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- **New commissioner orientation**
 - i. 08/20/2024 10:00am – 12:00pm at Shelby Bottoms Nature Center
- **Arts update**
 - i. ED Tucker reported that signatures are being obtained for the agreement. Ashley Bachelder shared the progress of the conciliation. Many of the points in the agreement including the creation of deadlines and timelines for receiving a community engagement plan from the Arts Commission and drafts for potential legislation concerning the THRIVE program are being discussed within the working group.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **Executive officer nominations**
 - i. A slate of potential officers was presented on behalf of the Nominating committee by Chair Charles Traughber. The slate included:
 Chair: Dr. Ben Tran
 1st Vice Chair: Charles Traughber
 2nd Vice Chair: Dakota Galban
 Secretary: Larea Kwayke
 Treasurer: Jeff Teague

Committee Chair Traughber called for nominations for each role. There were no additional nominations. A vote was called for each role, there was no opposition.
- **Bylaws and Rules committee chair**
 - i. Chair Abolfazli appointed Commissioner Traughber as the chair of the committee. Commissioners Johnson, Stringer-Holmes, and McKinney will serve as committee members.
- **Procurement Standards board update – Larry Turnley**
 - i. Mr. Turnley will lead a subcommittee of the Procurement Standards board formed to assist with the removal of barriers for justice impacted individuals in business. During discussion, Commissioners suggested resources to assist with the initiative.
- **Anti-Hate campaign**
 - i. ED Tucker explained that the staff is working to derive a strategy to launch and release the campaign.
- **Community engagement**
 - i. The MHRC is working with the MLK Day planning committee and invited Commissioners to attend the upcoming events.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Commissioner Kosar Kosar is leaving the Commission to attend law school.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.



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