

Minutes

Human Relations Commission

March 13, 2024

Minutes of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION held on Wednesday, March 13, 2023, 6:00
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(MEMBERS) Present:

Rabbanni FurQaan, Chair
Candyce Lindsay, Vice-Chair
Tom Brown
Melissa Farling
Peggie Simmons
Richard Sederstrom
Pamela Chan

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hugo Tapia
Karyn Lathan
Kate Vawter
Heather Cimino-Lance

City Staff Present:

Elena Hale, Staff Liaison, Cultural Programs & Public Education Coordinator
Dr. Velicia McMillan Humes, Chief Diversity Officer

Guests

None

Call to Order

Chair FurQaan called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances

None

Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Minutes: HRC – February 13, 2024

Commissioner Lindsay made a motion to approve the February 13, 2024 Minutes. Commissioner Simmons seconded. Approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 3 – Discussion of Upcoming Annual Ramadan Dinner – March 26, 2024

Elena reminded the commission of the Ramadan Dinner on Tuesday, March 26th. Chair FurQaan asked the commissions to please RSVP directly to Elena.

Agenda Item 4 – Approval of SB1005 Statement

Dr. Humes detailed the background of Senate Bill 1005, including details of the bill itself and its potential implications. Dr. Humes asked if the Human Relations Commissions wanted to request Mayor and Council provide a statement opposing SB1005. The statement, developed by staff and HRC leadership,

will be read by Chair FurQaan at the March 14th Work Study Session in the council chambers. Commissioners who wish to attend in support are welcome to attend.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the SB1005 Statement of Opposition. Commissioner Farling seconded. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Farling suggested a rewording of the second sentence. Dr. Humes made the changes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Prepared by: Elena Hale

Reviewed by: Velicia McMillan Humes