



**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2016**

A meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 5th Floor, Council Chambers, 405 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101.

Commissioners Present

Jim Anderson
Tracy Everett
Jean Graham
Shirley McLeod
Jeremy Pigg
Scott Raasch
Steele Welcher
Erika Worrell

Commissioners Absent

Julie Berens (excused)
Sue Hartwell (excused)

Staff Present

Lana Becker
Sharon Holder
Jessica Ryan
Connie Anstey (Legal)

Staff Absent

Paul Flemming
Karen Mackey
Lorelei Thomas
Lynn Zerschling

1. Roll call

Meeting was called to order by Scott Raasch, Chairperson, at 5:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the September 1, 2016, meeting.

Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes from the September 1, 2016, meeting; Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted in favor.

3. Closed Session

Mr. Pigg moved to go into closed session of the Commission to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) or (f) or federal law to be kept confidential. Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

Ms. McLeod moved to return to open session, Mr. Anderson seconded. All voted in favor.

After returning to open session, Ms. Graham moved to accept staff's no probable cause recommendation in Case 11-1387; Ms. McLeod seconded. All voted in favor.

In Case 11-1343 Mr. Pigg moved to accept staff's recommendation to administratively close the case pending final receipt of the settlement documents, Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

In Case 11-1392 Ms. Graham moved to carry the case over until our next monthly meeting, Ms. Everett seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Upcoming Events

a. Civil Rights Academy – Disability (October 5, 2016)

Ms. Holder stated that there were 15 attendees. Mr. Anderson was a panelist and Ms. McLeod attended.

b. Universal Human Rights Day (December 9, 2016)

Ms. Holder asked for volunteers to be on the sub-committee to review applicants for the Universal Human Rights award. Mr. Pigg, Ms. Everett and Mr. Raasch volunteered to be on the committee.

5. Staff reports

Ms. Holder stated that a copy of the Directors report is included in the monthly packet.

6. Old Business

Mr. Raasch stated that a Commissioner had resigned.

7. New Business

a. Commissioner Retreat

Ms. Holder stated that Ms. Mackey would like Commissioners to contact her with dates that they are available to attend a Commissioner retreat. Ms. Becker stated that Ms. Mackey has only heard from two Commissioners with available dates.

8. Citizen concerns

None

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lana Becker, Administrative Secretary