

**TOWN OF WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING - JANUARY 5th, 2023**

LUDLOW ROOM, 6:30 PM, IN PERSON

1. CALL TO ORDER - CHAIR/COMMISSIONER-JUDGE WASHINGTON

Meeting was called to order at 6:34.

2. ROLL CALL/ATTENDANCE - SECRETARY/COMMISSIONER MADISON

Present were: Judge Kevin Washington, James Madison, Joyce Armstrong, Lisette LaTorre, Linda Massa, Rebecca Jacobsen, Thomas Hayes, Aleks Gould, Patrick McMahon. Castella Copeland-Smith joined at 7:20 as previously communicated.

Excused absences were: Byron Bobb, Leonard Swade, Pat Mack.

3. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Sheila, a member of the public was in attendance to observe for a class, but not to comment officially.

Charlie Copeland joined the meeting around 7:00 pm. He's a potential new member of the commission.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: DECEMBER 2022

Minutes were approved as amended 7-0-0. Secretary Madison will submit the amended minutes.

5. LIASION REPORT-PATICK MCMAHON

The honorarium of \$175 for Antoinette Brim-Bel, the speaker at the MLK event, has been taken care of. Bridge Builder applications were distributed by email.

Chair Washington asked that we give flowers to Commissioner Mack due to the recent loss of her husband who had been ill. General discussion indicated agreement.

Chair Washington asked about details of Juneteenth. Commissioners are asked to come up with categories and five answers/questions each. We typically have four to six teams. The work is to make the boards. Each board has six categories and five questions each for 30 questions total. Every commissioner is asked to do a category. Commissioners are asked to have this by the April meeting.

6. COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Chair Washington charged every commissioner to cover a conversation topic some time in the coming year. We will have just one conversation per month. Starting in March, we'll be asking every commissioner to lead one of the conversations.

Secretary Madison volunteered to do the June event on Men's Health. Focus will be on mental health in particular, and around the men at the bottom of the social spectrum not the top.

Secretary Madison to add a mechanism to the Event Calendar to know who is going to lead the discussion.

7. MARTIN LUTHER KING EVENT – JANUARY 15, 2023 – ALL HANDS EVENT

Commissioners are asked to be there for 12:30 to help set up. Will include the guest speaker Antoinette Brim-Bel as well as poets from the local area.

8. BRIDGE BUILDER -ALL HANDS EVENT-SELECTION – CHAIRMANS AWARD ANNOUNCED (NOMINATIONS CLOSED JANUARY 2, 2023 5:00 PM)

The winners of both the Chairman's Award and standard awards were selected. These were captured by Liaison McMahon to do the processing. These will be known publically at the event on 1/12/2023. A total of 16 were selected.

9. ONE BOOK ONE WINDSOR BOOK & DISCUSSION-ALL HANDS EVENT

General discussion.

10. BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Secretary Madison will ensure we can stream Hamilton.

Chair Washington will contact the Youth Service Bureau for tables for the Juneteenth outdoor event.

Commissioner LaTorre will also contact a connection at a party supply business who might also have tables and will contact them to see if they would donate our use of them.

11. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 8, 2023 AT 6:30 LUDLOW ROOM

Motion to adjourn made by Vice-chair Copeland-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Armstrong; passed 7-0-0; meeting adjourned at 8:42.

Respectfully submitted,

James Madison, Secretary