

Human Rights Commission Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2024

1. Call to Order

Doug Newton called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM via Zoom.

2. Roll Call

Present were Lisa LaPlante, Elizabeth Brusie, and Corey Barr

3. Acceptance of Minutes

The minutes for the previous meeting which took place just two days prior were not yet available and will be approved at the next full Human Rights Commission meeting.

4. Discussion

The Commission engaged in wide ranging discussion on its rules. Corey Barr led the discussion with the section of the rules that she has been working on. This included the responsibilities of co-chairs and liaisons, as well as a code of ethics. An action plan, as referenced in the Commission's ordinance, was also discussed. Further discussion took place as to any potential rules in public comment without infringing on free speech and the recent Barron v. Kolenda SJC decision

The subcommittee discussed how and when it can meet with the City Attorney, including whether or not to complete its rules first prior to meeting with the attorney.

5. Adjournment

Elizabeth Brusie made a motion, seconded by Lisa LaPlante, to adjourn the meeting. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.