

Human Rights Commission Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Roll Call

Municipal Policy Analyst Doug Newton called the roll. Present were Corey Barr, Elizabeth Brusie, and Lisa Laplante.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Lisa Laplante made a motion, seconded by Corey Barr, to approve the minutes. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the motion and the minutes were approved.

4. Discussion

a. Rules for Human Rights Commission

The subcommittee began by discussing rules around public comment. Lisa Laplante explained that she had spoken with a colleague who is an expert on the first amendment who informed her that the commission can regulate time, place, and manner but not content of public comment. The subcommittee then considered a draft rule regarding public comment. Lisa Laplante made a motion, seconded by Corey Barr, that the rule be approved. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the motion and the rule regarding public comment was approved. The subcommittee then considered its rules of procedure, which had been drafted and edited in previous meetings. Lisa Laplante made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Brusie, that the rules of procedure be approved. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the motion and the rules of procedure were approved. The subcommittee then considered its complaint procedure. The subcommittee agreed to add other categories to the boxes in which residents can indicate the basis for their complaint.

5. Adjournment

Lisa Laplante made a motion, seconded by Corey Barr, to adjourn the meeting. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.