

Human Rights Commission Immigrant Rights Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2025

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present were Corey Barr (by zoom), Gabriel Camacho (by zoom), and Xin Peng (by zoom). Elizabeth Brusie joined the meeting after the roll call took place. Also present were Doug Newton as staff, Captain Dan Unsworth of the police department, and Human Rights Commission co-chair Mel Poindexter.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

a. Minutes for Previous Meeting

Corey Barr made a motion, seconded by Gabriel Camacho, to approve the minutes. The subcommittee voted three to zero to approve the minutes.

4. Discussion

a. HRC Support for Immigrant Community

The pamphlets created by the Watertown Police Department in collaboration with the subcommittee and other community members were discussed. Upwards of 1,000 pamphlets have now been distributed throughout the community. The subcommittee discussed other opportunities to distribute the pamphlets where they can be helpful. It was also discussed that the statement on immigrant rights which was crafted by the subcommittee is now available on the Human Rights Commission's website. There was also discussion of having a generic statement for the HRC to have available in anticipation of events that may take place in the future.

5. Adjournment

Gabriel Camacho made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Brusie, to adjourn the meeting. The subcommittee voted four to zero to approve the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.