

Human Rights Commission Immigrant Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

December 1, 2025

1. Call to Order

Xin Peng called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

2. Roll Call

Present (all via zoom) were Gabriel Camacho, Corey Barr, Xin Peng, and Elizabeth Brusie.

3. Discussion

a. Recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activity in and near Watertown

b. Draft Updated Statement on Immigration and Customs Enforcement Activity

Corey Barr shared her draft updates to the statement that the Human Rights Commission had issued on ICE activity. The Committee discussed the need to keep the language somewhat general given that it is likely more activity will be taking place in the future. Corey Barr's draft can be found in the attachments to the meeting agenda. Edits included changing where references to the Watertown Police Department's immigration policy is located in the statement and adding a list of resources. After a discussion, Corey Barr made a motion, seconded by Gabriel Camacho, to approve the draft statement for review by the full Human Rights Commission. The Committee voted four to zero to approve the motion.

c. Chelsea Petition Related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): Potential for HRC to Make Similar Asks of Watertown

The Committee also discussed a draft petition that advocates in Chelsea made of the city regarding ICE. This petition can also be found in the attachments to the agenda. The Committee discussed similar asks that the Human Rights Commission can make of the City Council. This included a discussion of concern regarding the city's contract with FLOCK safety cameras. Xin Peng volunteered to draft a letter to the City Council from the Human Rights Commission expressing concern around ICE, including how data from the FLOCK cameras will be shared. This will be reviewed at the next Human Rights Commission.

4. Public Comment

No member of the public offered comment.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.