

Sep 19 2022 9:00 am



Public Meeting
Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
Fitchburg, Ma 01420

Date: 5/18/22
Time: 5:30pm
Location: via Zoom

In attendance were:

Commissioners: Maryam Ashraf, Jamie Darcangelo, Krista Ford-Rhodes, Barbara Nealon, Mariah Pridgen, David Roth, Maritza Knight

Agenda

- Called meeting to order 5:30pm
- Welcoming and Introductions/Roll Call {attendance}
- Review of previous meeting minutes April 20, 2022 accepted as written
Roll call voting occurred individually for each month meeting minutes which were 100% approved
- Public Comment Period-*Opportunity for the public to speak during a Commission Meeting*

Chairperson or designee will ask if anyone in the audience wishes to speak on any matter appearing on the agenda. If you wish to address the commission, raise your hand, when recognized, you must stand state your name and address and the reason for your speaking-none noted

- New Business-
 - Guest: Michelle Marino, City of Fitchburg Veteran's Services
An overview of services offered to the residents of Fitchburg-cancelled due to emergency. Will reschedule.
 - Old Business-
 - Other items-future meeting , outreach efforts etc
 - a. Mural Painting event May 5, 2022 at City Hall –several Commissioners attended the event {Cheryl, Krista and Barbara} and shared comments of the event and looking forward to the unveiling of the mural the week on June 30th.
–representation from HRC in recognition of the North Central Mass Minority Coalition and former Human Rights Commissioner Adrian L. Ford.
 - b. The next meeting is set to commence in June. Discussion of not having meetings in July and August due to vacation schedules and potential risk again of lack of quorum for meeting minutes approval. If there are no agenda items pressing, will bring to commission next month for a formal vote. Awaiting Massachusetts Update on Virtual Meetings as well.

As Pandemic continues will consider to meet in person in September; membership will be kept informed.

Adjournment -5:45pm

Maryam Ashraf and Barbara Nealon