



ROCK ISLAND
HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION

Mission: The mission of the Rock Island Human Rights Commission is to bring about greater public awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists within the community and to ensure that all humans are treated equally, regardless of race gender, religion, age, or disability.

Rock Island Human Rights Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Meeting was held in person with a virtual option
February 2, 2023; 5:00 pm

Commission Members Present

Steven Andich
Thurgood Brooks
Gregg Hampton
Christiana Headley, Secretary
Janet Lockhart Johnson, Chair
David Levin
Jason Lopez, Vice Chair
Sara Meyer
Vince Thomas

Commission Members Absent

Tamara Felden
Randall McMurray
Margie Mejia-Caraballo

Commission Members Virtual

Staff Present

Jerry Jones, City Liaison

Public Present

None

AGENDA ITEM #1 – Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions

AGENDA ITEM #2 – Discussion of Human Rights Commission Ordinance

- Complaint Filed
 - Jerry emails to commission members. A rotation will be developed in advance. Two people will immediately contact the complainant within 7 days to investigate. The two investigators will determine if there is probable cause. A document needs to be created that will be sent to the respondent. The respondent must respond within 28 days.

- The investigators will send a packet to the respondent that includes a form (to be developed), a copy of the complaint and instructions on responding in a timely manner according to the ordinance.
- The commission members discussed the need for a complaint process and questionnaire to align with the new ordinance.
- Sara recommended a sub committee to revise and develop what is needed to clarify this process and develop forms. Tamera agreed to revise the complaint process and questionnaire.
- “A copy of this complaint will be provided to the respondent.” needs to be added to the complaint form. Jerry has offered to do this.
- ADD to agenda, further discussion on the ordinance.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – Adjourn

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 2/16/23. 630 Martin Luther King Dr. Rock Island, IL 61201 at **5:00 p.m.** The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third Thursday of each month.