

HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD
WEDNESDAY, January 25, 2023
4:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division Street

"To increase constructive communication among all people regardless of actual or perceived race, ethnicity, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, marital status, physical or mental disability, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socioeconomic status. To also increase constructive communication between residents, public officials, and community organizations, thereby promoting harmonious and productive relationships within the community, and equitable access to community resources for all."

- A. INVOCATION
- B. ROLL CALL
 - 1. Welcome New Members
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. November 16, 2022
- D. COMMUNICATIONS
- E. COMMITTEE REPORTS
- F. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. CRB Community Survey Results
- G. NEW BUSINESS
- H. COMMUNITY POINTS OF INTEREST – OPEN DISCUSSION
- I. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- J. BOARD COMMENTS
- K. NEXT MEETING – February 15, 2023
- L. ADJOURNMENT

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Virtual-ZOOM
Wednesday November 16, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Comm. Szenda Wilson, Deana Spencer(4:05pm), Chris Lussier, Keona Ackley, Aubrey Kipp, Donald Woodward (aka Pao Shan), Whitney Wardell and Joe Hooper, all attending remotely from the City of Battle Creek and Emirora Austin(4:07pm) attending remotely from the City of Grand Rapids.

Staff: There were none.

Guests: There were none.

Board Members Absent: Comm. Herring, Derrick Freeman, Jeffrey Cotton, Jennifer Gregor and, Pam Lasley (passed away)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Keona Ackley, supported by Chris Lussier, to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of September 21, 2022. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

Communications: There were none.

Committee Reports: There were none.

Old Business: Comm. Szenda Wilson provided an update on Language Access Services, noting this is an ongoing process which we hope to further utilize in the future.

Comm. Szenda Wilson stated the Community Survey for the CRB has begun, currently receiving 108 responses. The survey will be open until December 4, 2022. All data should be compiled by the January HRB meeting.

Rebecca Fleury shared the names of the newly elected City Commissioners who will be sworn in at the December 6, 2022 Commission meeting.

The Board discussed potential questions or concerns would like addressed by Code Compliance.

New Business: Comm. Szenda Wilson has suggested the January 18, 2023 be in person.

Community Points of interest: Ms. Fleury provided an update on the Xavier West case, noting Police Chief Blocker has been attempting to reach out to the Attorney General for an update.
Ms. Fleury updated the Board on the search for a DEI Officer.

Public Comments: There were none.

Board Comments: Ms. Ackley invited everyone to the Burma Center for College Night 6:00pm-8:00pm tonight, November 16th.

Ms. Spencer thanked Comm. Szenda Wilson and Comm. Herring for serving as City Commissioner and wished them well in their future endeavors.

Mr. Hooper invited everyone to join in a Kwanza Celebration with details to come.

Comm. Szenda Wilson wished everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Human Relations Board January 18, 2023 @ 4:00pm.

Adjournment: Comm. Kathy Szenda Wilson adjourned the meeting at 4:53pm.