



HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD

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| <u>Authorization:</u> | City Codified Ordinances, Part 2, Chapter 274. |
| <u>Appointing Authority:</u> | Mayor and City Commission. |
| <u>Liaison:</u> | City Manager's Office Becca Forbes, Executive Assistant – rforbes@battlecreekmi.gov |
| <u>Purpose:</u> | 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, or gender identity, or socioeconomic status and between residents, public officials and community organizations, thereby promoting harmonious and productive relationships within the community and equitable access to community resources for all. (Updated Res. 158, June 21, 2016). |
| <u>Membership:</u> | Twelve (12) members by Resolution No. 307, approved August 26, 1986. Membership increased to fifteen (15) members by Resolution No. 617, approved February 9, 1988. |
| <u>Term:</u> | Staggered terms of one, two, and three years except in filling a vacancy, which term must be for the unexpired date. |
| <u>Special Requirements:</u> | Shall be representative of management and labor, various religions, various races, and others who have an interest in human relations. |
| <u>Compensation:</u> | None. |
| <u>Meeting Schedule:</u> | Monthly and/or As Needed. |

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MEMBERS

| NAME | ORGANIZATION | TERM EXPIRES |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Lyanne Wesley | Firekeepers Casino Hotel | 07/01/2024 |
| Keona Ackley | W.K. Kellogg Foundation | 07/21/2024 |
| Charles Asher | Resident | 07/21/2024 |
| Jennifer Metzger | FireKeepers Casino Hotel | 07/21/2024 |
| Donald Woodward | Self-employed | 07/21/2024 |
| Boonikka Herring | Resident | 07/01/2025 |
| Jeffrey Cotton | Big Homies, Inc. | 07/21/2025 |
| Derrick Freeman | W.K. Kellogg Foundation | 07/21/2025 |
| Joe Hooper | Resident | 07/21/2026 |
| Deana Spencer | PNC Bank | 07/21/2026 |
| Whitney Wardell | Neighborhoods, Inc. of Battle Creek | 07/21/2026 |
| Kathy Szenda Wilson | WE Upjohn Institute for Employment Research | 07/21/2026 |
| Josita Todd | Resident | 10/17/2026 |
| VACANT – 2 seats | | |
| COMMISSION/CITY MEMBERS | | |
| Roger Ballard | City of Battle Creek | 07/21/2024 |
| Rebecca Fleury | City of Battle Creek | Open-ended |