

**Human Relations Board  
Battle Creek City Hall  
10 N. Division St.  
Room 302A  
&  
Virtual-ZOOM  
Wednesday May 17, 2023  
4:00 P.M.**

**Board Members Present:** Kathy Szenda Wilson, Chuck Asher, Keona Ackley, Joe Hooper, Deana Spencer, and Chris Lussier (4:17) - all attending in person.

Donald Woodward (Pao Shan), remotely from Kalamazoo, Comm. Roger Ballard, remotely from Battle Creek, Jenni Metzger remotely from Battle Creek, Lyanne Wesley, remotely from San Diego, Derrick Freeman, remotely from Battle Creek (4:11 pm), Boonikka Herring, remotely location not given.

Rebecca Fleury, City Manager, remotely in from Battle Creek.

**Staff:** Records/Election Clerk, Lisa Silkworth; DEI Officer, Kimberly Holley

**Guests:** There were none.

**Board Members Absent:** Jennifer Gregor, Jeffrey Cotton, Whitney Wardell and Emirrora Austin.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Joe Hooper, supported by Deana Spencer, to approve the Human Relations Board minutes of March 15, 2023. All yes, none opposed. Motion approved.

**Communications:** There were none.

**Committee Reports:** There were none.

**Old Business:** Rebecca Fleury started discussing the Community Review and Oversight Board and the concerns that were brought up at the Workshop. Ms. Fleury also mentioned the number of Board Members they were seeking to appoint. Kathy Szenda Wilson questioned the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Fleury noted the Board is Advisory and not subject to the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Szenda Wilson also brought up the cost factor involved with training the Board. Deana Spencer noted other departments that may be involved under the oversight of the Board. Ms. Fleury noted the Board would start out with Police Department only. Chris Lussier points out the other Boards in place for oversight, such as the Housing Board of Appeals and Planning Commission.

Kimberly Holley questioned if the HRB Board was involved with the Equity Audit. Ms. Holley also discussed the action plan and strategies. The Board also discussed putting together a work session to present a draft plan before presenting to the City Commission.

**New Business:** There was none.

**Community Points of Interest:** There were none.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Board Comments:** Keona Ackley mentioned having City documents translated and people needing help in certain City meetings. Kathy Szenda Wilson mentioned members whose terms that will be expiring on July 21, 2023.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the Human Relations Board June 21, 2023 @ 4:00pm in Room 302A and available by Zoom.

**Adjournment:** Ms. Kathy Szenda Wilson adjourned the meeting at 5:01 pm.