



HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD

Authorization:

City Codified Ordinances, Part 2, Chapter 274.

Appointing Authority:

Mayor and City Commission.

Liaison:

City Manager's Office

Becca Forbes, Executive Assistant – rdforbes@battlecreekmi.gov

Purpose:

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).

Membership:

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.

Term:

Staggered terms of one, two, and three years except in filling a vacancy, which term must be for the unexpired date.

Special Requirements:

Shall be representative of management and labor, various religions, various races, and others who have an interest in human relations.

Compensation:

None.

Meeting Schedule:

Monthly and/or As Needed.

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NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
Lyanne Wesley	Firekeepers Casino	07/01/2024
Jennifer Metzger	Firekeepers Casino	07/21/2024
Donald Woodward	Resident	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
Eva Masters	Princess House	01/16/2027
Keona Ackley	W.K. Kellogg Foundation	07/21/2027
Charles Asher	Resident	07/21/2027
VACANT – 1 seat		
COMMISSION/CITY MEMBERS		
Roger Ballard	City of Battle Creek	Thru Commission Term