



MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

3/17/2025 - Minutes

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

The Human Relations Committee met at 5:15 PM on Monday, March 17, 2025, in the 4th Floor Mayor's Conference Room, 221 N 5th St.

Committee members present included Gabby Abouassaly, Katie Houle, Mirabela Punga, Sargianna Wutzke, Betsy Zarr, and Chair Thea Jorgensen. Member Joan Klein attended the meeting via Teams.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Consider Approval of Minutes

Member Wutzke moved to approve the minutes as presents and Member Zarr seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

4. Election of Officers

Member Abousally moved to appoint Sargianna Wutzke as committee chair and Katie Houle as vice chair, and Member Zarr seconded. Upon a roll call vote, all voted aye. M/C.

5. Community Conversations

The Community discussed the upcoming event that will take place on May 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the Tom Baker Meeting Room at the City County building. The City of Bismarck's Transportation Steering Committee (TSC) will partner with the HRC for this event. The Community Conversations Subcommittee developed a list of questions that they will share with the TSC. They will coordinate with the TSC on prospective panel members and what organizations to invite.

6. Community Events

- Families Around the World - April 28, 2025 - 6:30-8:00 PM - Bismarck Veterans Memorial Public Library
- Buddy Walk - September 27, 2025 - Bismarck State Capitol
- 4th Cultural Expo - May 17, 2025 - 1:00-4:00 PM - Heritage Center

- Dakota OutRight Capital Pride - June 13-15, 2025
- Juneteenth Film Screening - TBD

7. Meeting Date and Time Discussion

Committee members discussed different options for the meeting date and time. City Administration will poll committee members to determine which Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM of each month works best for the committee members.

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.