



CITY OF TOPEKA

Human Relations Commission
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Upcoming Meeting Information:

Date: Monday, October 3, 2022

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: City Hall, 215 SE 7th Street, Topeka, Kansas and Zoom

Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Agenda and Prior Meeting Minutes
- III. Commissioner Reports
 - a. Chair's Report
 - b. Vice Chair's Report
 - c. Commissioner Reports
- IV. Old Business
 - a. THRC Focus: Rebuilding and Reintroducing the THRC
- V. New Business
 - a. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
 - b. Subcommittee Discussion
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Adjournment

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

Date: September 12, 2022
Time: 5:30pm
Location: City Hall – 1st Floor Conference Room; 215 SE 7th Street

Call to Order. Chair Nicholas Smith called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Roll Call. Present: Chair Nicholas Smith; Commissioner Angelique Brown (By Zoom); Commissioner Cynthia Hopp (By Zoom); Commissioner Carol Roberts; and Commissioner Alexis Simmons (By Zoom). Absent: Vice Chair Jennifer Goetz; Commissioner Luc Bensimon; and Commissioner Carmen Romero-Nichols.

Guests. Ed Collazo, Independent Police Auditor (By Zoom); Mary Kuckelman, City Attorney's Office; and Kaitlyn Willis, City Manager's Office.

Adoption of September 12, 2022 Agenda. Commissioner Hopp moved and Commissioner Roberts seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Adoption of August 1, 2022 Minutes. Commissioner Roberts moved and Commissioner Hopp seconded a motion to adopt the minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Guest Report.

- **Independent Police Auditor Report.**

Ed Collazo reviewed the August 1-31 IPA report. There were 13 cases: 11 use of force and 2 administrative investigations. One complaint was forwarded to City Manager for review on August 8. There were 2 officer disciplines: 1 written and 1 caution/counsel.

Mr. Collazo also reviewed the addendum to the August 1-31 IPA report. An addendum was emailed to the commission since his last day with the City was on Tuesday, September 6. There were a total of 10 cases: 8 use of force; 2 citizen complaints.

Mr. Collazo thanked the Commission for their efforts, and the Commission thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Roberts moved and Commissioner Simmons seconded a motion to adopt the August 1-31 IPA report and addendum. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Reports.

- **Chair:** Chair Smith announced that he will be stepping down from the Commission in November. The Commission will discuss who will be Chair and Vice Chair at the October meeting so they can be elected in November in accordance with the bylaws.
- **Vice Chair:** No report.

- **Subcommittee Reports.** No reports.
- **Commissioner Reports.** No reports.

Old Business. Chair Smith discussed the THRC survey. This survey is requesting feedback on the Commission's name, mission statement, and future goals. Once the new Commissioner is appointed on September 13, Chair Smith will send the survey and supporting documents. Following discussion of the survey results, the Commission will make recommendations to the City Manager to present to the City Council.

New Business.

- **November HRC Meeting:** Due to the upcoming General Election, Commissioners agreed to postpone the November HRC Meeting one week to Monday, November 14.
- **Awards:** The Commission discussed the Troy Scroggins and Stephanie Mott Award. Last year, the process was rushed and the recipients were selected in December. After discussion, the consensus was to postpone promoting this award until the Community Recognition Subcommittee is formed. This subcommittee can review the award process and make recommendations to the Commission.

Public Comment. No public comment.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

****Next Meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2022 at 5:30pm****

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