

HUTCHINSON  
*Human Relations*  
COMMISSION

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**MINUTES**

**HUTCHINSON HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**

**Zoom Call Meeting**

**1. Call to order**

a. Present: **Armstrong, Cowser, Frischenmeyer\***, Johnston, Juma, Mendez-Rosario, Russell-Iverson\*

Absent: **Grissom, Smith.**

**2. Oral Communications by audience**

a. Sarah Blake thanked Human Relations Officer (HRO) Dave Sotelo for forwarding email with information for resources available for commission. Mrs. Blake requested that commissioners contact her with any questions and interest in KLC training.

b. Russell-Iverson encouraged commissioners to engage in non-profits connect work group.

c. Commissioners Frischenmeyer and Juma encouraged commissioners to engage in KLC leadership training.

**3. Minutes: Approval of minutes**

a. Commissioner Charles Johnston makes correction on minutes under his involvement where it should say market hutch. Russell-Iverson makes motion to approve with correction. Passes unanimously.

**4. Election of chair**

a. HRO Sotelo informed commission of process of electing a new chairperson under resolution passed December 1, 2020, after he assumed interim role as HRO.

b. Nomination: Commissioner Cowser makes motion to nominate Anthony Frischenmeyer as chairperson. Armstrong Seconds.

c. Commissioner Juma makes motion to nominate Charles Johnston as chair. Commissioner Johnston declines nomination.

d. Commissioner Johnston makes motion to close nomination. Russell-Iverson seconds. Chair calls for a roll call vote. Passes unanimously.

e. Chairperson Russell-Iverson begins roll call vote for nomination of Anthony Frischenmeyer for Chair. Passes unanimously.

f. HRO Sotelo informs commission that Frischenmeyer would assume chairpersonship at the next scheduled meeting.

- g. Johnston makes motion to keep Russell-Iverson as vice-chair. Frischenmeyer seconds.
- h. Armstorg closes nomination. Passes unanimously.
- i. Chairperson calls for vote to restore Russell-Iverson as vice-chair, passes unanimously

**5. New Business**

- a. KOMA
- b. Review Ordinance commissioner terms
- c. HRO Updates
- d. Appetite for strategic planning
  - i. HRO Sotelo asked commissioners if there is interest in participating in strategic planning as a commission. Sotelo believes it will benefit the work of the commission to set priorities and goals.
  - ii. Johnston asked if it would be beneficial to review ordinance before engaging in strategic planning. Sotelo informed the commission that ordinance does not instruct against strategic planning and that it is common practice among advisory boards for the City of Hutchinson. Commissioner Juma requested to onboard new commissioners and provide a copy of the commissioner handbook. HRO Sotelo will work on this.
- e. Introduction of new Commissioner Gleysha Mendez-Rosario.
  - i. HRO Sotelo asked Commissioner Mendez-Rosario to introduce herself as a new commissioner.
- f. Commissioner Johnston makes request for more formal structure stricter adherence for the commission. Commissioners discuss benefits. HRO Sotelo will explore plans to educate the HRC on KOMA guidelines, HRC bylaws and ordinance, and Robert's rules of order.

**6. Communications and comments**

- a. Russell-Iverson informed commissioners that there are no updates on community conversations on impact of COVID-19 on the community.
- b. Johnston shares idea from Councilwoman Jade Piros De Carvalho to ban conversion therapy within the city of Hutchinson. Commissioner Johnston informed commission of Conversion Therapy.
- c. Russell-Iverson opens discussion about non-profits connect.

**7. Adjournment:**

- a. Russell-iverson makes motion to adjourn, passes unanimously.

**Minutes prepared by David Sotelo, Human Relations Officer**

**Next Meeting: June 16, 2021 at 4:00pm**