



**City of Moorhead  
Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 17, 2021 – 5:00PM  
Online format via Webex**

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at the Hjemkomst Center and online via Webex on February 17, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

**1. Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 4:59 pm.

**2. Roll call**

Roll Call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Siham Amedy	Present
Board Member:	Cani Adan	Present
3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward Council Member:	Deb White	Present
Board Member:	Shinwar Mayi	Present
Board Member:	MaKell Pauling Normandin	Present
Board Member:	Ilene Cohen-Pearson	Present
Board Member:	Jenifer Troska	Present

**3. Approval of Agenda/Minutes**

Item number 6 to be removed from the agenda as a law enforcement representative would not be able to attend. Additional agenda item to discuss Black History Month Proclamation. The agenda (with the removal of item 6 and addition of new agenda item) and minutes were approved with a motion made by MaKell Pauling Normandin, seconded by Deb White, and passed by unanimous consent.

**4. Citizens to be heard**

None

**5. Guest Speaker – Ophir Gilad – OutFront Minnesota**

Ophir shared information on OutFront’s LGBTQ+ advocacy.

**6. Law Enforcement Update – Sgt. Martin**

Agenda Item Removed

**7. Land Acknowledgement Discussion**

MaKell Pauling Normandin and Cani Adan will work together to research and create an acknowledgement to bring to a future meeting for discussion.

#### **8. Election of Officers**

MaKell Pauling Normandin made a motion to elect Cani Adan as Chair of the HRC, Shinwar Mayi seconded the motion, passed by unanimous consent.

Deb White made a motion to elect MaKell Pauling Normandin as Vice Chair of the HRC, Cani Adan seconded the motion, passed by unanimous consent.

#### **9. Annual Report – Review and Approval**

Debt White made a motion to approve the annual report and submission to City Manager, Mayor, and City Council, MaKell Pauling Normandin seconded the motion, passed by unanimous consent.

#### **10. Black History Month Proclamation**

The Commission discussed a proposed proclamation to declare February as Black History Month. Deb White made a motion to approve sending the proclamation to the City Manager to be presented at the next City Council meeting, Cani Adan seconded the motion, passed by unanimous consent.

MaKell Pauling Normandin volunteered to present the proclamation at the City Council meeting.

#### **11. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events**

Deb White shared information on an upcoming event.

Cani Adan shared a story in honor of Black History Month.

#### **12. New Business**

Deb White requested that the Chair, Vice Chair and her set up a meeting to discuss creating subcommittees in order to facilitate activity planning.

The meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joshua Huffman, HRC Staff Liaison

The proceedings of this meeting are digitally recorded and are available for public review.