



**City of Moorhead
Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021 – 5:00PM
Hjemkomst Center**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at the Hjemkomst Center on December 15, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

1. Call to order The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

2. Roll call

Roll Call of the members was made as follows:

Board Member:	Siham Amedy	Present
Board Member:	Cani Adan	Present
3 rd 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

The agenda and minutes were approved with a motion made by Deb White, seconded by Shinwar Mayi, and passed by unanimous consent.

4. Citizens to be heard

None

5. Law Enforcement Update

None

6. Guest Speaker – Anne Hoefgen, Executive Director, Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota

Shared info on programs and goals. Commissioners asked questions and discussed.

7. Guest Speaker – 2021 Human Rights Award Recipient - Hukun Dabar

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8. Guest Speaker – 2021 Human Rights Award Recipient - Delores Gabbard

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9. Subcommittee Updates

General subcommittee information provided and the Commission shared volunteer opportunities for the community. Updates from subcommittees were provided.

10. Land Acknowledgement

MaKell Pauling-Normandin made a motion for the Commission to adopt the land acknowledgement for reading before meetings and that it be sent to City Council with a recommendation that they adopt and read it before meetings as well, Ilene Cohen-Pearson seconded the motion, passed by unanimous consent.

11. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

Ilene Cohen-Pearson shared efforts to solicit volunteers through email list.

12. New Business

Cani Adan suggested bringing in two guest speakers from a Somali organization for the January 2022 meeting. The Commission was in favor of this. Cani Adan will extend an invite.

The meeting adjourned at 5:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joshua Huffman, HRC Staff Liaison

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