



**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING AGENDA  
March 21, 2018 - 5:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

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The Moorhead Human Rights Commission welcomes and encourages public input on issues listed on the agenda or of general community interest, time and Council permitting. Speakers are limited to 3-minute presentations. Citizens wishing to address the Human Rights Commission regarding a specific agenda item will be afforded an opportunity during the discussion of that item. Citizens wishing to speak on matters not listed on the agenda will be afforded the opportunity to do so under the heading "Citizens Addressing the Commission," usually scheduled at the beginning and end of the agenda. Each person requesting the opportunity to speak is asked to fill out a "Request to Speak Form."

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- 1. **Call to Order & Roll Call** \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. **Agenda Amendments** \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. **Approve Minutes** \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. **Citizens Addressing the Commission** \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **Consider/Approve 2017 Annual Report** \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. **Annual Plan Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. **April Fair Housing Month Activity Planning** \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. **Welcoming Week Discussion** \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. **Commission & Staff Reports (i.e., upcoming events, updates, news, etc.)** \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. **Citizens Addressing Commission (continued, if necessary)** \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. **Adjourn Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

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**City of Moorhead  
Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
February 21, 2018 at 5:00 PM  
City Hall Council Chambers**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held in the City Hall Council Chambers, on February 21, 2018, at 5:00 PM.

**Roll call of the members was made as follows:**

Board Member:	Nate Aalgaard	Present
Board Member:	Hukun Abdullahi	Absent
Board Member:	Shinwar Mayi	Present
Board Member:	Makell Pauling Normandin	Present
1st Ward Council Member:	Sara Watson Curry	Present
Board Member:	Willard Yellowbird	Absent until 5:06 pm
Board Member:	Ericka Yoney	Absent

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

**2. Agenda Amendments**

Minutes: No amendments.

Motion to Approve made by Makell Pauling Normandin and seconded by Nate Aalgaard

**Motion to Approve Agenda**

Motion Passed

For: 4; Absent: 3 – Hukun Abdullahi, Erika Yoney, Willard Yellow Bird

**3. Approve Minutes**

Motion to Approve made by Nate Aalgaard and seconded by Makell Pauling Normandin

**Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motion Passed

For: 4; Absent: - Hukun Abdullahi, Willard Yellowbird, Ericka Yoney

**4. Citizens Addressing the Commission (Time Reserved: 15 minutes)**

Minutes: None.

**5. Guest Speakers - Rev. Walter McDuffy, Rick Henderson, & Mayor Williams**

Minutes: Discussion with Rick Henderson and Mayor Del Rae Williams on the history and future of the Moorhead Human Rights Commission. Rev. Walter McDuffy was unable to attend.

**6. Annual Nomination & Election of Officers**

### **Agenda Item 3.**

Motion to Approve made by Nate Aalgaard and seconded by Willard Yellowbird  
**Motion to Approve Annual Nomination & Election of Officers: MaKell Pauling-Normandin as Chair**

Motion Passed  
For: 5 – Absent: 2 - Hukun Abdullahi, Ericka Yoney

Motion to Approve made by Nate Aalgaard and seconded by Willard Yellowbird  
**Motion to Approve Annual Nomination & Election of Officers: Willard Yellow Bird as Vice Chair**

Motion Passed  
For: 5 – Absent: 2 - Hukun Abdullahi, Ericka Yoney

### **7. Commissioner & Staff Reports, Upcoming Events, or New Business**

- A. Welcoming Week Planning - MaKell Pauling-Normandin provided a brief summary on her attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Welcoming Week planning session.
- B. Fair Housing Activities Planning - Tia Braseth provided a brief summary on the interest of the Successful Outcomes for Tenants and Landlords (SOFTL) Committee to partner with the Moorhead HRC to do a combined Fair Housing event for Fair Housing Month in April.
- C. Annual Plan Development - Tia Braseth provided a brief summary on the status of the annual plan.

### **8. Citizens Addressing Commission (continued, if necessary)**

### **9. Adjourn Meeting**

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Tia Braseth, HRC Staff Liaison

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



**To:** Moorhead Human Rights Commission  
**Subject:** 2017 Annual Report  
**Date:** 3/21/2018  
**Prepared By:** Tia Braseth, Community Development Program Administrator

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

## INTRODUCTION

Attached is the annual report due to City Council every April 1.

## **Moorhead Human Rights Commission Annual Report 2017**

The Moorhead Human Rights Commission was reestablished in 2017 after a two and half years of inactivity. This report covers the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2017.

### **Members of the Commission:**

- MaKell Pauling-Normandin, Chair
- Willard Yellow Bird, Vice Chair
- Sara Watson Curry, Council
- Erika Yoney
- Hukun Abdullahi
- Nate Aalgaard
- Shinwar Mayi

**Educational & Other Community Activities:** The Moorhead HRC primarily focused on Commissioner orientation and future planning. Listed below are the educational and community activities that occurred in 2017.

- Minnesota Department of Human Rights educational video “Our Rights – Justice for All” broadcasted on public access television
- Minnesota Department of Human Rights Human Rights Symposium – Staff liaison and 3 commissioners attended this 3-day training in Saint Paul, MN
- Commission assisted Mayor with Pangea event at Hjemkomst
- Staff collaborated with Arts & Culture Commission on a booth for Pangea event
- Special guest Fay Seidler from the transgender community spoke at meeting and shared a handout listing resources for other transgender community members

**Commission Meetings:** The Commission held regular meetings October 18, November 15, and December 20, 2017. The commission established their regular meeting schedule for 2018 as the third Wednesday of each month at 5 pm in the City Council Chambers. Commission attendance and minutes are available online at <http://cityofmoorhead.com/government/boards-commissions/human-rights-commission>.

**Activities of Commission Committees:** There were no subcommittees in 2017.