

**Proposed Minutes for the January 16, 2024
Pitt County Human Relations Commission**

The Pitt County Human Relations Commission met on January 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Eugene James Auditorium, with Chairwoman Jessica Williams presiding.

Members Present:

Mark Rasdorf, LGBTQ+
LaChauncey Staton, Sheriff's Office
Andrew Shue, Faith Community
Luther Hemby, At-Large-Faith Community
Sharon Rochelle, DSS
Juan Garcia, LatinX

Members Absent:

Shantel Hawkins, NAACP
Carl Wilson, Town of Bethel
Mary Perkins-Williams, Board of Commissioners
Carlton Dawson, At-Large
Mary Moye, Town of Simpson
Byung Lee, Asian-American Andrew Shue, Faith Community
Veronica Roberson, Town of Winterville

Staff Members Present:

Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator/Chairwoman
Florida Hardy, Asst. County Manager People & Community/HR Director

Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Williams called meeting to order at 6:11pm.

Roll Call

Community Relations Coordinator, Jessica Williams called the roll and stated there was not a quorum.

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With no quorum the Commission agreed to table discussion for next meeting.

Public Comment

Chairwoman Williams stated no one signed up for public comment.

Report of Community Relations Coordinator

Chairwoman Williams reminded the board that the next HRC meeting will be February 20th, 2024 at 6pm located in the Eugene James Auditorium.

Old Business

Chairwoman Williams stated that the NAACP housing event went well and there was a lot of good information shared. She also went over a complaint that was received regarding a rodent infestation from a citizen and recommended the citizen reach out to the Housing Authority and Public Health.

New Business

Chairwoman Williams stated listening sessions are scheduled to start in March, for the February meeting Commission members should have their locations finalized and should be prepared to discuss details. PIO has created a flyer for distribution (approximately 100 printed).

Questions/Comments

There were no additional questions or comments.

Community Announcements

- The Dr. Jesse R. Peel LGBTQ Center will host "Hey Sweetie," a Celebration of Life for Dr. Jesse R. Peel on Saturday, February 24 at Noon in the Ballroom of ECU's Main Campus Student Center. Lunch will be served following the program. The public is invited to attend. RSVP is requested.
- There will be a Reception honoring LaChauncey Staton upon his retirement from Pitt County Government Sheriff's Office Monday January 29th, from 2-4pm. Location: Pitt County Courthouse (100 West 3rd St. Superior Courtroom #2 Greenville, NC 27834).

Adjourn

With no additional items of business to discuss, Chairwoman Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Rochelle
Jessica Williams
Sharon Rochelle, Secretary

Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator