

**Proposed Minutes for the February 20, 2024  
Pitt County Human Relations Commission**

The Pitt County Human Relations Commission met on February 20, 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  
Shantel Hawkins, NAACP  
Mary Perkins-Williams, Board of Commissioners  
Carlton Dawson, At-Large  
Mary Moye, Town of Simpson  
Veronica Roberson, Town of Winterville

**Members Absent:**

Carl Wilson, Town of Bethel  
Byung Lee, Asian-American

**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 6:02pm.

**Roll Call**

Community Relations Coordinator, Jessica Williams called the roll and stated there was a quorum.

Chairwoman Williams asked for a motion to excuse Byung Lee and Carl Wilson. Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to excuse Mr. Lee and Mr. Wilson. Andrew Shue seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Approval of December 19, 2023 and January 16, 2024 minutes**

Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to accept December 19, 2023 and January 16, 2024 minutes as presented. Mr. Rasdorf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**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 April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6pm located in the Eugene James Auditorium.

### **Old Business**

Chairwoman Williams stated listening session have begun. The Commission discussed who would be attending which sessions.

### **New Business**

Chairwoman Williams discussed Fair Housing Month and partnering with the Greenville Human Relations Commission. Chairwoman Williams discussed a complaint that was received. The Commission discussed the complaint and made a recommendation. Chairwoman Williams reviewed the budget for the Human Relations Commission.

### **Closed Session**

The Commission went into closed session at this time.

Move to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, and G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Motion: Move to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish, or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating (i) the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease, and G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.

Motion: Motion to move into closed session. Motion made by Commissioner Perkins-Williams. Motion seconded by Ms. Rochelle. Motion passed unanimously. Motion: Motion to return to open session. Motion made by Mr. Dawson. Motion seconded by Ms. Moyer. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Motion to approve the closed session content. Motion made by Mr. Staton. Motion seconded by Mr. Dawson. Motion passed unanimously

### **Questions/Comments**

Commission Members discussed the importance of voting.

Chairwoman Williams mentioned the annual report and invited the Commission to the next Board of Commissioners meeting for the presentation of the report.

- Commissioner Perkins-Williams mentioned a Woman's History Month celebration happening in Bethel, more details will be sent out.

### **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.
- Amexcan will be hosting a more than diabetes: A webinar and support group Wednesday February 28th 6-7pm via Zoom Meeting ID 815 1391 0048 Passcode Diabetes.
- Greenville HRC 51<sup>th</sup> Award Ceremony February 24, 2024 5:30pm at the Greenville Convention Center 303 Greenville Blvd

### **Adjourn**

With no additional items of business to discuss, Commissioners Perkins-Williams called for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Staton seconded and it carried unanimously. Commissioners Perkins-Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Rochelle  
Mary Moye  
Jessica Williams  
Sharon Rochelle, Secretary  
Mary Moye, Asst. Secretary  
Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator