

**Proposed Minutes for the March 19, 2024
Pitt County Human Relations Commission**

The Pitt County Human Relations Commission met on March 19, 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
Juan Garcia, LatinX
Shantel Hawkins, NAACP
Mary Perkins-Williams, Board of Commissioners
Mary Moye, Town of Simpson
Veronica Roberson, Town of Winterville
Carl Wilson, Town of Bethel
Byung Lee, Asian-American
Toni Heffner, Town of Ayden
Wes Gray, Public Health
Nancy Ray, City of Greenville

Members Absent:

Carlton Dawson, At-Large
Sharon Rochelle, DSS

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 6:06pm.

Roll Call

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

Chairwoman Williams asked for a motion to excuse Sharon Rochelle and Carlton Dawson. Mayor Carl Wilson made a motion to excuse Sharon Rochelle and Carlton Dawson. Mary Moye seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of February 20th minutes

Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to accept February 20th and minutes as presented. Mr. Staton 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 16th, 2024 at 6pm located in the Eugene James Auditorium.

Chairwoman Williams welcomed the new members: Toni Heffner, Wes Gray, and Nancy Ray. She also mentioned she would be getting place cards for new member and also look into getting name tags for Commission members for events and conferences.

Old Business

The Commission discussed who would be attending which sessions. Chairwoman Williams explained the goal of the listening sessions to the new members and stated she would be sending out the listening session guide via email.

Chairwoman Williams discussed the partnership for Fair Housing Month with Greenville HRC and GAPMA (Greenville Area Property Management Association).

New Business

Chairwoman Williams discussed the America 250 NC Grant and received feedback from the Commission.

Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to move forward with the America 250 NC Grant. Mr. Staton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Williams went over board rules and procedures and suggested we put board policies in place and hold an organizational meeting in July. The board agreed and will discuss further in the April meeting.

Questions/Comments

Mr. Hemby recognized the Lady Panthers of North Pitt for winning the NCHSSA Championship.

Mr. Gray stated Public Health will be hosting a health fair in April and will be providing more information.

Mr. Garcia suggested we provide resources during the listening sessions for the community.

Community Announcements

- Fair housing program Thursday, April 18, 2024 Greenville Hilton Hosted by Greenville HRC.

Adjourn

With no additional items of business to discuss, Mr. Hemby called for a motion to adjourn, Mr. Rasdorf seconded and it carried unanimously. Mr. Hemby adjourned the meeting at 6:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Williams
Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator