

**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 Moya, 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 Moya seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**Approval of February 20<sup>th</sup> minutes**

Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to accept February 20<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Hosing 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