

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

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

Members Present:

Mark Rasdorf, LGBTQ+
Andrew Shue, Faith Community
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
Carlton Dawson, At-Large
Sharon Rochelle, DSS

Members Absent:

Luther Hemby, At-Large-Faith Community
Juan Garcia, LatinX
Nancy Ray, City of Greenville
Shantel Hawkins, NAACP
LaChauncey Staton, Sheriff's Office

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 6:10pm.

Roll Call

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

Chairwoman Williams asked for a motion to excuse Luther Hemby, Shantel Hawkins, LaChauncey Staton, Juan Garcia, and Nancy Ray. Mayor Carl Wilson made a motion to excuse Luther Hemby, Shantel Hawkins, LaChauncey Staton, Juan Garcia, and Nancy Ray. Councilwoman Veronica Roberson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of March 19th minutes

Commissioner Mary Perkins-Williams made a motion to accept March 19th and minutes as presented. Ms. Heffner 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 May 21st, 2024 at 6pm located in the Eugene James Auditorium.

Old Business

Community Listening Session locations were confirmed for May and July.

Chairwoman Williams stated she would get flyers and other information sent out. She also gave out updates regarding the America NC 250 grant (theme and details of programming).

New Business

Chairwoman Williams reintroduced having an organizational meeting in the next few months. The Commission agreed to talk further and set a date at the May meeting.

Committee Reports

- Executive
- Youth Involvement
- Community Issues and Actions

There were no Committee updates.

Questions/Comments

Mr. Dawson mentioned bringing back the sense of Community in our neighborhoods.

Commissioner Perkins-Williams expressed her appreciation for the HRC and that everyone take a look at the Social Services meeting.

Ms. Rochelle stated she would like to do a presentation in the future regarding Social Services and shedding light to the department.

Community Announcements

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

Adjourn

With no additional items of business to discuss, Commissioner Perkins Williams called for a motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Roberson seconded and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Perkins-Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Williams
Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator