

**Proposed Minutes for the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
Pitt County Human Relations Commission**

The Pitt County Human Relations Commission met on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Eugene James Auditorium, with Chairwoman Jessica Williams presiding.

**Members Present:**

Mark Rasdorf, LGBTQ+  
Carlton Dawson, At-Large  
Luther Hemby, At-Large-Faith Community  
LaChauncey Staton, Sheriff's Office  
Nancy Ray, City of Greenville  
Mary Moye, Town of Simpson  
Byung Lee, Asian-American  
Toni Heffner, Town of Ayden

**Members Absent:**

Shantel Hawkins, NAACP  
Wes Gray, Public Health  
Toni Heffner, Town of Ayden  
Lucas Seijo, Town of Grifton  
Andrew Shue, Faith Community  
Mary Perkins-Williams, Board of Commissioners  
Sharon Rochelle, DSS  
Veronica Roberson, Town of Winterville  
Juan Garcia, LatinX  
Carl Wilson, Town of Bethel

**Staff Members Present:**

Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator/Chairwoman

**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 not a quorum.

**Approval of August 20<sup>th</sup> 2024 minutes**

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 October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Eugene James Auditorium.

The contract for America 250 NC has been sent over and is in the review process.

Chairwoman Williams requested volunteers for the Arts Fest on September 21<sup>st</sup>, Commission members stated they would email their availability.

### **Guest Speaker**

Meech Carter Director of Clean Energy Campaigns of the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Foundation spoke on the Inflation Reduction Act and include discussion on how residents can benefit and available resources.

### **Old Business**

The Commission decided to table discussion are listening session notes for the October meeting

### **New Business**

Chairwoman Williams stated she would push the organizational meeting to November, the Commission agreed.

### **Committee Reports**

- Executive Committee- There is a litter clean up for the fall but it does not give the Commission enough time to prepare, will check back in for next spring.
- Youth Involvement- no updates
- Community Issues and Actions- Mr. Staton did look into the firearm concern that was brought up at the last meeting and has reached out to Representative Brown and the Pitt County Sheriff's Office and they are doing what they can to make sure the community feels safe.

**Committees should start back meeting monthly.**

### **Questions/Comments**

Mr. Dawson stated he reached out to SECU and made the connection with Chairwoman Williams in hopes of getting them to come speak.

Mr. Lee mentioned an Asian celebration called the first fruit during the new moon where they give thanks to their ancestors and fellowship with one another.

### **Community Announcements**

- On Tuesday, September 17, 2024, through Wednesday, September 18, 2024, the North Carolina Civil Rights/Human Rights Conference will be held at the Tony Rand Center located on the campus of Fayetteville Technical Community College, 2220 Hull Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303. Register here: [Statewide Human Rights/Civil Rights Conference sponsored by NC - NAHRW Registration, Tue, Sep 17, 2024 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/statewide-human-rights-civil-rights-conference-sponsored-by-nc-nahrw-registration-tue-sep-17-2024-at-800-am-fayetteville-nc-tickets-65111111017)

- The City of Greenville will host its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Inclusive Community Breakfast. This event will take place at the Hilton on Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. This is a FREE event and is open to the public.
- Emerge Art Gallery will be hosting a Mosaic Multicultural Arts Festival - Saturday, September 21st from 11:00am-6:00pm on the Greenville Town Common Community - Festivals - Pitt County Arts Council at Emerge ([emergegallery.com](http://emergegallery.com)).

**Adjourn**

With no additional items of business to discuss, Chairwoman Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Jessica Williams**  
Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator