

**Proposed Minutes for the December 17, 2024
Pitt County Human Relations Commission**

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

Members Present:

LaChauncey Staton, Sheriff's Office
Mary Moye, Town of Simpson
Carl Wilson, Town of Bethel
Lucas Seijo, Town of Grifton
Byung Lee, Asian-American
Mary Perkins-Williams, Board of Commissioners
Nancy Ray, City of Greenville
Carlton Dawson, At-Large
Luther Hemby, At-Large-Faith Community
Mark Rasdorf, LGBTQ+
Toni Heffner, Town of Ayden

Members Absent:

Shantel Hawkins, NAACP
Sharon Rochelle, DSS
Veronica Roberson, Town of Winterville
Andrew Shue, Faith Community
Wes Gray, Public Health
Juan Garcia, LatinX
Carlton Dawson, At-Large

Staff Members Present:

Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator/Chairwoman

Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Williams called meeting to order at 6:05pm.

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 Juan Garcia. Mayor Wilson made a motion to excuse Sharon Rochelle and Juan Garcia. Ms. Heffner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Approval of November 19th 2024 minutes

Commissioner Perkins-Williams made a motion to accept November 19th 2024 as presented. Ms. Moye seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment.

Report of Community Relations Coordinator

Chairwoman Williams reminded the board that the January 21st meeting will be held at the Eugene James Auditorium.

Guest Speaker

Oscar Solis team from the Mexican Consulate in Raleigh, NC spoke about the programs they offer, their mission and goals for 2025.

Old Business

Mr. Staton made a motion to table voting on new subcommittee members. The motion was seconded by Ms. Heffner the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Perkins-Williams mentioned attendance of Commission members. Chairwoman Williams stated she is working on the attendance report and will send that to the Clerk.

The Commission discussed highlighting one culture a month and having 2 Commission members speak each month. Chairwoman Williams will work with PIO on coordinating this and will put together a list.

The Commission discussed the vacant seats, Chairwoman Williams stated she will reach out to the clerks of the vacant seats again to see if they have anyone to fill the seats.

Commissioner Perkins-Williams asked if there was a process for citizens to submit their issues. Chairwoman Williams stated citizens can submit a request on the website and/or email any member of the board.

Mayor Wilson mentioned each Commission member should be spreading the word of the Commission to those in their communities.

Chairwoman Williams mentioned the by-laws would have to be amended to reflect the 2-year term for subcommittees. A motion was made by Mr. Hemby that subcommittee members serve a 2-year term. The motion was sectioned by Ms. Moyer the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business

Chairwoman Williams mentioned she created a list of community organizations for the subcommittees to use for resources and future events.

Chairwoman Williams mentioned a subcommittee for celebrations and commemorations was in the by laws and asked the Commission if they wanted to amend it. The Commission agreed to the amendment.

Mr. Hemby asked if subcommittee members should include the chair on all correspondents. Chairwoman Williams stated all Commission members can copy her on the emails so she is informed on what's going on.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee- Task- Work on agenda for next meeting, create a list of celebrations for each month, work on the by-law amendment, and resolution for Teel vs Board of Education.
- Youth Involvement- Tasks- Reach out to community organizations regarding events we can collaborate with
- Community Issues and Actions- Tasks- Reach out to community organizations regarding events we can collaborate with. Draft suggestions for listening session information.

Questions/Comments

Mr. Lee mentioned the Asian New year and said he would speak about it at the next meeting.

Community Announcements

- December 20th 10:30am SECU atm Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in Bethel NC

Adjourn

With no additional items of business to discuss, Commissioner Perkins-Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Mayor Wilson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Williams
Jessica Williams, Community Relations Coordinator