

Brooklyn Park

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

DRAFT MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 2/20/2025

Location: City Hall – Room A203

Time Began: 6:21 p.m.

Time Adjourned:

Meeting Attendance—Commissioners							
Member	District	Present		Member	District	Present	
		Yes	No			Yes	No
Marcellus Davis	City Staff Liaison	X		Andrea Perez-Maikkula	Central	X	
Council Member Amanda Xiong	Council Member Liaison		X	Nehemiah Garley	Central		X
Vicki Richardson	At-large	X		Brenda Blackhawk	East	X	
Jen Best	At-large		X	OPEN	East		
Bernice Cooper	At-large		X	OPEN	Emerging Leader		
Mallory Knipe	West	X		OPEN	Emerging Leader		
Valen A.	West	X					

1. Call to Order – Chair Perez-Maikkula – 6:21 p.m.
2. Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis – 6:21 p.m.
3. Approval of Agenda – All – 6:22 p.m.
 - a) Motion: Brenda; 2nd: Vicky
 - b) All in favor
 - c) Approved
4. Approval of minutes– All – 6:22 p.m.
 - a) Motion: Mallory; 2nd: Brenda
 - b) All in favor
 - c) Approved
5. Fact vs. Fiction Immigration Virtual Event from 2/19/25 – Dr. Davis – 6:23 p.m.
 - a) Dr. Davis gave a recap of the event that took place virtually yesterday (2/19)
 - b) Discussed potential future educational events
 - c) Discussed the current and potential impact of new Executive Orders, Project 25, and emerging legal interpretations of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
 - d) Next event -- Community Dialogue About Immigration Executive Orders Facts Versus Fiction, Part II – Thurs, March 20th @ 6:00 p.m.
6. March 24, 2025 – HRC Annual Work presentation at City Council Meeting – All -- 7:41 p.m.
7. City Council Report – none -- (Council Member Xiong absent)

8. City Liaison Staff Report – Marcellus Davis – 7:45 p.m.
 - a) Discussed potential Zoom account vs. Teams for future events
 - b) Discussed use of translators for future events

9. Old Business – 7:50 p.m.
 - a) Commissioner attendance
 1. Jen Best has resigned
 2. Marvelous Anako is being removed from the committee due to never having attended or communicated

10. New Business – 8:00 p.m.
 - a) Vicki – has a friend who is the Registrar at North Hennepin Tech who said we could set up a table at the community garden to have a sort of “Meet and Greet” – could we tag onto an existing event? Maybe in June?

11. Adjournment – All – 8:08 p.m.
 - a) Motion: Mallory; 2nd: Vicky
 - b) All in favor
 - c) Approved

Submitter: Mallory Knipe