

Brooklyn Park

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Date of Meeting: 9/18/2025

Location: City Hall – Room A203

Time Began: 6:05pm

Time Adjourned: 8:02pm

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		Amna Arabi	Central	X	
Amanda Dunn	At Large	X		Mallory Knipe	West	X	
Toby Gunderson	At-Large	X		Valen Ademodi	West		X
Brenda Blackhawk	East	X		OPEN	Emerging Leader		

- 1) Call to Order – Chair Perez-Maikkula – 6:05 p.m.
- 2) Roll Call/Attendance – Staff Liaison Dr. Marcellus Davis – 6:07 p.m.
- 3) Approval of Agenda – All – 6:09 p.m.
 - a) Motion: Brenda; 2nd: Amna
 - b) All in favor
 - c) Approved
- 4) Approval of August minutes– All – 6:09 p.m.
 - a) Motion: Vicki; 2nd: Tobi
 - b) All in favor
 - c) Approved
- 5) Voting to amend bylaws for youth representation All – 6:10 p.m.
 - a) Voted in favor of adding a Youth Representative position on the HRC, pending the formation of a formal application and approval process
- 6) Current political climate – All – 6:41 p.m.
 - a) Discussed reactions to and impacts of the school shooting in Minneapolis last month as well as the shooting of Charlie Kirk
 - b) Discussed the need for both more community prevention actions as well as effective community response to tragedy
 - c) Amna discussed her experience as a law advocate for human rights violations in immigrant communities
- 7) Subcommittee work session – All
 - a) Did not happen due to time constraints
- 8) City Council Liaison Report – Council Member Amanda Xiong
 - a) N/A – council member absent

- 9) Old Business – 7:45 p.m.
 - a) None

- 10) New Business – 7:45 p.m.
 - a) Discussed possibility of proposing a Gun Violence Task Force for Brooklyn Park
 - b) Upcoming monthly community engagement events being led by youth panels at North Hennepin Tech

- 11) City Staff Report – Marcellus – 7:58 p.m.
 - a) New legislation proposed by Attorney General to remove funding from any public organization conducting DEI initiatives

- 12) Adjournment – All – 8:02 p.m.

Motion: Mallory; 2nd: Brenda

 - a) All in favor
 - b) Approved

Submitter: Mallory Knipe