
Berea Human Rights Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
Date: September 24, 2025
Location: Randy Stone Room, Berea City Hall

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at **6:05 PM** by **Chair, Sharyn Mitchell**.
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II. Roll Call

Present:

- Sharyn Mitchell
- Felecia Ballard
- Mim Pride
- Heather Johnson

Absent:

- Janel Lakes Davenport
- Susie Harris

Welcome to Visitors:

- No visitors were present at this meeting.
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III. Approval of Minutes

- **August 27, 2025 Minutes** approved.
 - Motion by **Mim Pride**, seconded by **Felecia Ballard**, Motion Carried
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IV. Treasurer's Report

- Report deferred until October 2025 meeting.
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V. Introductions

- New member, Heather Johnson, introduced herself to the Commission.
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VI. Unfinished Business

1. **File Storage**
 - Plan to move all files to the new HRC Conference Room that has a secure area that locks.
 - Mim Pride is getting the key
 2. **Website Updates**
 - Discussed circulating a document summarizing our ideas then sending them to Daniel Brindley.
 - These ideas included the following possibilities:
 - Using HRC's Facebook logo on our webpage
 - Incorporating the look and layout of the KHRC
 - Showcase recipients of the John G. Fee and Janice Blythe awards
 - Ensure easy access to the site w/as few clicks as possible
 - Easy access to the Complaint Form and process
 - Having a FAQ section
 3. **Abolish Slavery Resolution**
 - Tabled for next month's meeting.
 - Conduct more research using reference materials available on the organization's website.
 - Discussed reaching out to Pat Gailey for wording
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VII. New Business

- **John G. Fee Award**
 - Discussed application submitted by **Susie Harris** for **Eef Fontanez**.
 - Submission met criteria.
 - Eef Fontanez approved as recipient
 - Motion by **Mim Pride**, seconded by **Felecia Ballard**.
 - Motion carried
 - **Janice Blythe Award**
 - Discussed application submitted by **Susie Harris** for **Ryan Anello**.
 - Submission met criteria.
 - Ryan Anello approved as recipient
 - Motion by **Mim Pride**, seconded by **Felecia Ballard**.
 - Motion carried
 - **October City Council Meeting**
 - Get on agenda for awards presentations.
 - Discussed searching stores and websites for gifts for recipients
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VIII. Announcements

- **Telford YMCA Black Achievers Program Kickoff Event**
 - **Date:** September 27
 - **Location:** Farristown Ignite Campus
 - **Time:** 9 am - 12 pm

 - **Telford YMCA Spooktacular Health Fair**
 - **Date:** October 3
 - **Location:** Telford YMCA
 - **Time:** 8 am - 1 pm

 - **Berea Arts Council Celebrating the Black Experience Opening Reception**
 - **Date:** September 26
 - **Location:** Berea Arts Council
 - **Time:** 5:30 - 7:30 pm
 - Traveling exhibit runs September 24 - November 1, 2025
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IX. Comments

- Heather Johnson commented on a September 22 article in the NYT that reported Fair Housing violations cases were not being processed at the federal level.
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X. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by **Mim Pride**, seconded by **Felicia Ballard**.
 - **Motion carried.**
 - Meeting adjourned at **7:00 PM**.
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Action Items

- Reminder for the September 25, 2025 Kentucky Human Rights Commission Roundtable held via Zoom 10 am - 12:00 pm
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Prepared by: Heather Johnson, BHRC Member

Approved by: 