

Berea Human Rights Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

Location: Berea City Hall, Randy Stone Room

Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Time: 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mim Pride, Janel Lakes Davenport, Heather Johnson, Felecia Ballard, Sharyn Mitchell

Absent: Susie Harris

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mim Pride and seconded by Felecia Ballard. The motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report for August and September as of this date. Commissioners were reminded to submit invoices for plaques, name badges, and gift cards.

A motion was made by Mim Pride and seconded by Heather Johnson to purchase two \$50 gift cards for the award winners. The motion passed.

V. Unfinished Business

Conference Room and File Storage:

Mim Pride reported that she has spoken with the City, which has designated the third-floor storage room for BHRC use. Two locking file cabinets will be moved to the room. As the room does not lock, all sensitive materials will be stored in the locking cabinets.

Website Update:

Sharyn Mitchell reported that Daniel has experienced IT issues, resulting in delays with some requested website updates.

Abolish Slavery Resolution:

Mim Pride and Heather Johnson will collaborate on drafting a resolution.

Awards:

The John G. Fee Social Justice Award and the Janice Blythe Youth Social Justice Award have been completed. Appreciation was extended to Heather Johnson for researching gifts and to Sharyn Mitchell for placing the orders.

VI. New Business

Correspondence:

An email from Bob New confirmed that all BHRC meeting minutes have been updated online as of October 22, 2025.

2026 Calendar and Planning:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2026, unless a work session is required prior. Commissioners were encouraged to develop programming ideas for the year. Juneteenth programming will need to be scheduled, and the Abolish Slavery initiative will be addressed. Sharyn Mitchell will contact Ali regarding a potential Juneteenth date. Mim Pride has reached out to the NAACP regarding the possibility of a 5K event in Berea. Additional planning will continue in January.

Meeting Schedule Adjustments:

The November and December meetings are cancelled due to the holidays.

KHRC Workshops:

Juan has emailed information regarding workshops being offered by the state.

Logo Discussion:

The Commission discussed adding "BHRC" to the bottom of the City logo. Approval will need to be requested from the City.

VII. Announcements

Telford Achievers will take place this Saturday.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner comments were shared.

IX. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Felecia Ballard and seconded by Mim Pride. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. All were in favor.

Prepared by: Janel Lakes Davenport, BHRC Secretary

Approved by: Sharyn J. Mitchell