

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Room 302A Wednesday March 20, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Comm. Baldwin, Chris Lussier, Brian Coleman, Comm. Flores, Talia Champlin, Jennifer Gregor and Joe Hooper

Board Members Absent: Jill Wood, Tom Beuchler, Kimberlee Andrews-Bingham, John Banks and Jorge Zeballos

Others Present: Alicia Sackett, Deputy City Clerk; Jacob Schacht, City Manager's Office

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:37pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Brian Coleman and supported by Chris Lussier to approve the meeting minutes of February 20, 2019. All yes, none opposed, motion passed.

Guests: Amanda Lanker, BCAAR

New Membership:

Comm. Baldwin introduced new member, Jennifer Gregor.

Comm. Baldwin noted member Kim Andrews-Bingham is unable to continue with the HRB and Tom Beuchler will not be renewing after July.

Old Business:

Amanda Lanker shared notes from the Feb 5th post Rothstein Event "Where Do We Go From Here?" and the Board discussed.

Comm. Baldwin will email the updated Fair Housing information to those individuals who attended the Fair Housing sessions.

Jennifer Gregor shared information on the new Pathways Program thru Battle Creek Public Schools.

New Business:

Comm. Baldwin and the Board reviewed two submitted applications for the Human Relations Board.

A motion was made by Brian Coleman and supported by Talia Champlin to approve moving forward with applications from Deana R. Spencer and Whitney Wardell. Comm. Baldwin will inform the Mayor.

Comm. Baldwin will reach out to the other applicants and request additional background information.

Ms. Champlin will gather information to help determine the qualifications and background needed from future applicants.

Mr. Coleman shared information on participating in the "Cops & Clergy Alliance".

The Board discussed the potential of a Police Civilian Review Board, housing and hotel/motel issues in the city.

Comm. Baldwin stated Rebecca Fleury will have information to share at the May meeting.

Jacob Schacht spoke about language access in emergent situations.

The Board agreed to cancel the April meeting.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Comm. Baldwin, at the request of the Mayor, asked the Board to consider the question, “should felons serve on committees of the City?”

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Human Relations Board is May 15, 2019 at 3:30pm, room 302A.

Adjournment: Comm. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm.