

**Human Relations Board
Battle Creek City Hall
10 N. Division St.
Room 302A Wednesday September 18, 2019
3:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Comm. Baldwin, Chris Lussier, Joe Hooper, Deana Spencer, Jorge Zeballos, Brian Coleman, Jennifer Gregor, Jill Wood and Whitney Wardell

Board Members Absent: John Banks, Comm. Flores and Talia Champlin

Others Present: Alicia Greene, Deputy City Clerk; Brian Sturdivant, Fire Chief; Jessica Vanderkolk, Communications Manager; Michelle Hull, HR Director

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Lussier and supported by Joe Hooper to approve the meeting minutes of August 21, 2019. All yes, none opposed, motion passed.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Comm. Baldwin announced that Comm. Flores is stepping down from the Human Relations Board effective immediately.

Comm. Baldwin introduce Chief Sturdivant who provided a presentation on the Battle Creek Fire Department.

Chief Sturdivant provided a presentation on the Battle Creek Fire Department, including diversity/inclusion initiatives.

Chief Sturdivant shared a poem by Charles Bennafield "I Am Diversity, Please Include Me".

The Board discussed the BC Fire Department information.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Human Relations Board is October 16, 2019 at 3:30pm, room 302A.

Adjournment: Comm. Baldwin adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.