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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2023 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

*****Draft: pending approval*****

- MEMBERS:**
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| P_Hassina Adams | P_Agnes McCray |
| P_Bishop H. Bernard Alex | X_Liban Mohammed |
| X_Mbonimpa Banabas | X_Al-amin Muhammad |
| P_Rev. Roosevelt Baums | P_Liam O'Connor |
| P_Rasheada Caldwell (Chair) | X_Lauren Rosenstein |
| X_Chris Gilkes | X_Nodesia Hernandez |
| P_Leo Sanchez | |
| | _Mia Wade |

Commissioners Absent: Chris Gilkes, Nodesia Hernandez, Liban Mohammed, Al-amin Muhammad, Mbonimpa Banabas, Lauren Rosenstein

County staff: CDO Monica Williams, Exec. Director HR Montanette Murphy, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

Opening: Meeting began at 5:40

Greetings and Welcome

Executive Director of Human Rights Montanette Murphy welcomes the commissioners and county staff. No community members were present.

Moment of Silence for Brexialee Torres-Ortiz

Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams discussed what we need to do as a community to stand against gun violence and led us into a moment of silence for 11-year-old Brexialee Torres-Ortiz who lost her life recently to gun violence.

Chair's Report

Chair Rasheada Caldwell asked the commission how do we fight gun violence and spoke about what we need to do as a community. Chair Rasheada Caldwell discussed mental health and the impact it has on our society. Chair Rasheada Caldwell asked the commission how they would feel about streaming their meetings live and creating a social media platform for the HRC.

Administrator's Report

Executive Director of Human Rights Montanette Murphy announces that the committee will vote in February on a new Chair person. If any commissioners are interested in being the Chair person, please let Montanette know.

We will discuss the HRC mission statement at next month's meeting.

New Business

None.

Old Business

Commissioner Hassina Adams suggested the commissioners have a group chat or some form of communication among one another. Commissioner Liam O'Connor discussed how the committee can't move forward until there is a quorum at the meetings. Then decisions can be made.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed gun violence in our community and what the commission can do to help stop it. The commission also discussed out country's mental health crisis and how it effects our community.

Meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers on January 18, 2023.