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## **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES**

September 15, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting

These minutes were approved in the HRC Meeting on \_\_\_\_\_

**Human Rights Commissioners Present:** Leo Sanchez, Al-amin Muhammad, Mia Wade, John Rushing III, Liban Mohamed, Barbara Johnson, Nodesia Hernandez, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Chris Gilkes, Agnes McCray.

**Absent:** Lanessa Chaplin, Rasheada Caldwell, Mbonimpa Banabas

**Community members present:** Dr. Peggy Chase, Lael Pierce, Sora Iriye

**County staff present:** Montanette Murphy

**Attendance:** Meeting began at 5:35. Attendance taken.

**Greetings and Welcome**

**Approval of August minutes:** Minutes approved.

**Approval of September agenda:** Agenda approved.

**Recognition of visitors:** Visitors were recognized and introduced.

**Guest speakers:** Anthony Stevens, III, and Gabrielle DiMora (Equitable Advisors). Mr. Stevens and Ms. DiMora spoke about how Equitable Advisors can collaborate with the Human Rights Commission. Commissioners are eager to collaborate with EA and want to meet again with Mr. Stevens and Ms. DiMora to discuss how EA and the HRC can work together to serve our community.

**Administrator's Report:**

- Montanette received NYCLU Know Your Rights pocket card but commissioners want to create their own KYR pocket card.
- Monica Williams spoke at the New York State Association of Counties

**Chair's report:** No report.

**New business/Old Business/Announcements:** We Rise Above the Streets will host its 5<sup>th</sup> annual BBQ on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Billings Park.

Commissioner Al-amin invited the HRC to table at the event.

Commissioners Hernandez, Baums, and McCray agreed to represent the Human Rights Commission at the event. Rasheada Caldwell in August

announced the event Colvin's Way set to happen on Sept. 29. Commissioner Hernandez announced the Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> Syracuse Women's March.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting:** Approved. Meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.