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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 15, 2023 ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC MEETING

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

MEMBERS:	X_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)	P_Lauren Rosenstein
	P_Chris Gilkes	P_Nodesia Hernandez
	X_Leo Sanchez	
	P_Mia Wade	

Commissioners Absent: Hassina Adams, Mbonimpa Banabas, Liban Mohammed, Al-amin Muhammad, Leo Sanchez

County staff: CDO Monica Williams, Exec. Director HR Montanette Murphy

Opening: Meeting began at 5:38

Introduction and Welcome

Executive Director of Human Rights Montanette Murphy welcomes the commissioners and county staff. Welcomed community members Shwani Shaho and Roland Carlisle.

Chair's Report

- Chair Rasheada Caldwell announced upcoming events, including one for all community members. Care Share money to pay National Grid is available to everyone, regardless of income. Interested parties can apply for aid on March 15 between 11a-3p at the Salt City Market.
- Youth Job Fair set for March 16 at the Salt City Market. Gift cards will be handed out to 16-year-olds to encourage them to apply for jobs and work. Jobs are available for youth at local parks and the Syracuse City School District. There is a new executive director at CNY Works.

Administrator's Report

Commission is still in need of members. After the Admin report, Commissioners discussed maintaining a reliable quorum for meetings, including conducting hybrid meetings for Commissioners and livestreaming the meetings for the general public. ODI will look into virtual meetings or allowing Commissioners to join the meeting by phone.

Old Business

Commissioners decided to discuss looking at and possibly revamping the Mission Statement once the group has a quorum to make any (changes) additions or deletions.

Discussion:

Commissioners discussed how to have a voice in the community on matters without a quorum. ODI will invite HRC attorney Pam Romeo to the April 19th meeting.

Meeting ended at 7 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Montanette Murphy on February 21, 2023.