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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 20, 2021 VIRTUAL Human Rights Commission Meeting

This *DRAFT* was approved in the HRC Meeting on _____

Human Rights Commissioners Present: Chris Gilkes, Mia Wade, Mbonimpa Banabas, Lanessa Chaplin, Nodesia Hernandez, Leo Sanchez, John Rushing, Liban Mohamed

Commissioners absent: Al-amin Muhammad, Barbara Johnson, Rabbi Dan Fellman, Rev. Roosevelt Baums

Community members present: County legislators Peggy Chase and Mary Kuhn, Mikiel Anderson, Liz Citron.

County staff present: Montanette Murphy

- 1) **Attendance**
- 2) **Greetings/Welcomes:** Montanette opened the meeting.
- 3) **Approval of December minutes**
- 4) **Recognition of visitors:** Liz Citron, Mary Kuhn, Peggy Chase, Mikiel Anderson (2 minutes per person)
- 5) **Acknowledge/Welcome to new HRC commissioners**
- 6) **Ice breaker:** Commissioners introduced themselves.
- 7) **Administrator's Report:**

Montanette discussed the 2020 HRC Annual Report, commented on the public forums on police reform, spoke about the HRC protocols and rules regarding HRC business. Discussed that HRC will look at how it wants to address/handle excuses and absences regarding HRC meetings. Montanette gave an overview of the duties/responsibilities of how HRC should operate. Announced commission is seeking to add to its ranks. Commissioners will elect a chairperson in February.

 - a) **Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.:** There was no Chair's Report. There was no new/old business or announcements.