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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 17, 2023 ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC MEETING

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

MEMBERS:

P_ Hassina Adams	_Chris Gilkes
_Bishop H. Bernard Alex	_Nodesia Hernandez
_Samia Al-Fareh	P_Agnes McCray
_Mbonimpa Banabas	P_Liam O'Connor
_Rev. Roosevelt Baums	P_Lauren Rosenstein
P_Rasheada Caldwell (Chair)	_Leo Sanchez
_Mia Wade	

Absent: Bishop H. Bernard Alex, Samia Al-Fareh, Mbonimpa Banabas, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Chris Gilkes, Nodesia Hernandez, Leo Sanchez and Mia Wade.

County staff present: CDO Monica Williams, Exec. Dir. of HR Montanette Murphy, Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers.

Opening: Meeting began at 5:35 – Meeting is being recording via Zoom.

Introduction and Welcome: Montanette Murphy introduced the Office of Diversity staff and the allowed the Commissioners to introduce themselves and speak. Audience members were also given the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Chair’s Report: None.

Administrator’s Report: Montanette gave an update on the May 10, 2023 NYS Division of Human Rights Hate and Bias Prevention Summit at John Jay College. Alerted individuals about the Friday, May 19th collaborative forum hosted by the Onondaga County/Syracuse Human Rights Commission, FOCUS Greater Syracuse and the NYSDHR.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed the letter sent to the J-E School Board and the superintendent’s reply. Commissioners considered attending the June 7th J-E School Board meeting.

Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Montanette Murphy on May 18, 2023.