



Human Relations Commission
Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2024
Microsoft Teams

Present: Chairman William "Bill" Milton; Vice-Chairwoman Demetria Murphy; Secretary Crystal Edmonds; Commissioner Milette Herring; Commissioner Dakota Wright

Staff Present: Yamile Nazar, DEI Director; Diona Curtis, Administrative Specialist

Chairman Milton called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Vice-Chairwoman Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Wright. Vote was unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Murphy. Vote was unanimous.

Opening Remarks: Chairman Milton welcomed the Executive Committee back from their summer break.

Back-to-School Giveaways: Chairman Milton inquired about back-to-school giveaways for discussion. Ms. Curtis noted that Yamile had mentioned a school supplies giveaway for students at Alger B. Wilkins High School. Chairman Milton stated that further discussion on back-to-school giveaways would take place at the next regular commission meeting.

2024 State of the Community Event – Aug. 29: Chairman Milton announced that the Greater Chamber of Commerce will host its State of the Community event on August 29, 2024, at the Crown Coliseum Expo Center from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tables, tickets, and sponsorships are available. Ms. Nazar mentioned that the department's budget would not cover tickets. Commissioners interested in attending are encouraged to wear their name tags to collect volunteer hours.

NC National Association of Human Rights Workers (NC-NAHRW) – Sept. 17-18, 2024: Ms. Curtis shared that the Human Relations Department will host the North Carolina National Association of

Human Rights Workers (NC-NAHRW) Conference at Fayetteville Technical Community College's Tony Rand Student Center on September 17-18. The registration fee for the conference is \$135 and includes a one-year membership. Commissioners who cannot attend but wish to volunteer briefly will not be required to pay the registration fee. Ms. Curtis will send the link to log volunteer hours via email.

North Carolina Hate Crimes Forum – Sept. 19, 2024:

Ms. Curtis announced that the Human Relations Department will host a Bias Incidents & Hate Crimes Forum on Thursday, September 19, at the Tony Rand Student Center on Fayetteville Technical Community College's campus. The forum, facilitated by the United States Department of Justice and the United States Attorney's Office, is free to attend, but registration is required.

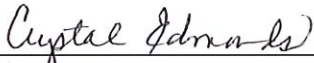
Nomination Committee: Chairman Milton explained that the Human Relations Commission's Nominating Committee selects the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for the upcoming year. Ms. Nazar stated that Chairman Milton will reach out to three commissioners to join the committee, and those selected will be announced at the next regular commission meeting on August 22. Voting for the new officers will occur at the September 26 meeting, and the appointed officers will assume their roles on October 1.

Project Matrix Updates (Upcoming School Year): Chairman Milton discussed scheduling tentative dates for the initiatives "Got Consent," "The Talk," and "Bystander Intervention." Secretary Edmonds noted that these events have been moved to the "Past Projects" section of the Matrix, but Chairman Milton clarified that they were not yet completed and remain relevant to students. Further discussion on these initiatives will take place at the next commission meeting.

Annual Event Planning: Chairman Milton emphasized that with the annual Community Awards Reception being six months away, it's time to begin planning early to brainstorm effective fundraising ideas for the scholarships and strategies to increase ticket and table sales.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Edmonds and seconded by Vice-Chairwoman Murphy. With a unanimous vote, Chairman Milton adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Approved _____



Crystal Edmonds, Secretary