

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES OF  
September 9, 2019**

Commissioner Allen called the meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:36 p.m. on Monday, September 9, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd., Dubuque, Iowa.

**Roll Call:**

Present:	Anthony Allen, Chair Adrienne Breitfelder Miquel Jackson	Jason Keeler Kate Parks Jay Schiesl, Vice-Chair
Absent:	Erin Muenster	Gerald Hammel
Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso

**Approval of Minutes from August 12 and August 27, 2019**

Motion by Schiesl, second by Breitfelder to approve the meeting minutes of August 12 and 27, 2019. All in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as submitted.

**Reports**

**Caseload Report**

The August 2019 caseload report was received and filed.

**Chairperson's Report**

The Dubuque College Access Network is working to provide students with needed resources and support to prepare for college.

The NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet is scheduled for November 9<sup>th</sup> at the 7 Hills Brewery and Event Center.

The Access to Justice Commission is meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> to update goals.

The Chair attended the Marita Theisen Childcare Center ribbon cutting at Steeple Square.

**Old Business**

**Select Date for Goal Setting**

Goal setting is scheduled for March 7, 2020, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Discuss and Approve Op-ed for TH**

Commissioners reviewed and revised Commissioner Breitfelder's prepared statement in response to this recent bias incident. Schiesl moved and Keeler seconded to submit the revised op-ed to the TH. Roll call:

Anthony Allen	Yes	Jason Keeler	Yes
Adrienne Breitfelder	Yes	Kate Parks	Yes
Miquel Jackson	Abstain	Jay Schiesl	Yes

Motion carried.

**New Business**

**Discuss Availability to Staff Booth at BBQ in DBQ Event September 21**

Commissioners Breitfelder and Schiesl are available to staff the Human Rights booth at 1:00 p.m. and Parks is available 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

## **Standing Items: Goals**

### **Goal #1: Education**

Commissioner Schiesl shared that the petition to change the structure of the Dubuque Community School Board to ward positions will not be on the ballot this year. They weren't able to get the 3,300 signatures needed.

Allen commented that Dean Boles spoke to the NAACP and talked about asking the School Board to provide yearly data as to how the District is performing, and also spoke about the possibility of having a youth summit. He proposed inviting Dean to a meeting to provide additional information.

### **Goal #2: Housing**

Commissioner Allen had a conversation with Alexis Steger and Tom LoGuidice regarding Source of Income. The housing data has been recovered and they are now working to update the information. Commissioner Allen proposed inviting Ed Raber to provide an update on housing issues as it relates to True North.

### **Goal #3: Employment**

#### **Update on Race Conference Planning**

Commissioner Allen provided an update from the Public Forum Planning Subcommittee. The subcommittee has suggested several options for naming the public forum: Taking Back Dubuque; Make Dubuque Great Again; Take A Look in the Mirror; Hard Talk and Discussions About Race in the Heartland; and Race in the Heartland – Race in Dubuque. Commissioner Parks moved to title the public forum Taking Back Dubuque: Problem Solving for the Future. Commissioner Schiesl seconded. Roll Call:

Anthony Allen	Yes	Jason Keeler	Yes
Adrienne Breitfelder	Yes	Kate Parks	Yes
Miquel Jackson	Yes	Jay Schiesl	Yes

Motion carried.

Confirmed facilitators are Taj Suleyman; Collins Eboh and Rachel Daack, along with five to seven panelist. Confirmed panelists are Ermina Soler, Ernest Jackson, Mark Dalsing, Jackie Hunter, and Brett Shaw. They are waiting for confirmation from Samaria Neely, Stan Sampson, and the Jail Administrator. The objective of this two-hour event is to get the community engaged in conversation about race and keep them engaged outside the event.

#### **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Jackson motioned and Commissioner Parks seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 6:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, October 14, 2019, at the Jule Operations & Training Center, 949 Kerper Blvd.

Minutes approved as submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes approved as corrected: \_\_\_\_\_