



Human Relations Commission

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 11, 2025 & DECEMBER 16, 2025

OLD BUSINESS

1. 1. MLK AWARD UPDATE

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
2. ICON AWARD DISCUSSION
3. COMMUNITY RESOURCE FLYER DISCUSSION

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT



Special Called Meeting Minutes

Independence Human Relations Commission

December 11, 2025

Chair Helen Hurley called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. Meeting was conducted at the Independence Utilities Center at 17221 E. 23rd Street S. Members present were Chair Helen Hurley, Vice Chair Lupe Moe, Secretary Mara Bradford, Nina -Woodson Falls, Charline Gray and Virginia Hudson. Councilmember Bridget McCandless, and staff liaison John Mayfield and Police Department Liaison Michelle Sumstad were also present.

Chair opened the floor to nominations. Nina Woodson-Falls nominated Mr. Brent Schondelmeyer. Lupe Moe seconded the motion.

The City of Independence has received a nomination of the Independence Rotary Club by Celeste Maddocks. The criteria for the MLK award is for an individual. After discussion Nina-Woodson Falls amended the motion to consider this nomination at the next meeting and to give the Rotary Club the opportunity to nominate an individual. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. Amendment was approved 6-0. Nina Woodson-Falls moved to approve her motion as amended. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. Motion approved 6-0.

Mara Bradford made the motion to authorize city staff to spend \$150 out of the Human Relations Commission budget for the MLK Award. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Members discussed upcoming events in 2026 such as Juneteenth. Members discussed how the Independence Square being used as a 2026 World Cup park and ride location may impact this event. Members suggested communicating with the Juneteenth committee on alternative locations and celebrations.

Members discussed the 2026 Skateboard Competition. Members asked City staff to look into having this event on Saturday, September 26, 2026 at Hill Park. City staff will provide an update at a future meeting.

Mara Bradford made a motion to adjourn. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

Independence Human Relations Commission

Special Called Meeting

December 16, 2025

The Independence Human Relations Commission met via Microsoft Teams. Members present included Chair Helen Hurley, Vice Chair Lupe Moe, Secretary Mara Bradford, Charline Gray, Mindy Meadows, & Virginia Hudson. Staff liaison John Mayfield and Police Department liaison Deputy Police Chief Michelle Sumstad were also present.

Chair Helen Hurley called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. The chair opened the floor to nominations for the MLK Award. City of Independence received a nomination electronically from Mr. Luke Davis from the Independence Rotary Club nominating Celeste Maddocks. At the December 11, 2025 meeting it was moved to accept the nomination of Mr. Schondelmeyer and a potential nomination from the Independence Rotary Club to potential confusion over award criteria.

Mindy Meadows made a motion to vote on the nominees. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. The vote was 5-1 for Mr. Brent Schondelmeyer to receive the 2026 MLK Award.

Mara Bradford made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Lupe Moe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.