



Human Relations Commission Minutes

December 16, 2025 4:00 PM

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WELCOME

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

OLD BUSINESS

1. MLK AWARD NOMINATION & SELECTION

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 Schondelmyer to receive the 2026 MLK Award.

ADJOURNMENT

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.