

**DUBUQUE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES OF
June 14, 2021**

Commissioner Gardiner called the virtual meeting of the Dubuque Human Rights Commission to order at 4:31 p.m. on Monday, June 14, 2021.

Roll Call:

Present:	Carla Anderson	Mallory Gardiner
	Pamela Birch	Jake Kurczek
	Michael Durnin	Kathy McCarthy
	Miquel Jackson	Taylor Merfeld

Absent Klanea Evans

Staff:	Kelly Larson	Carol Spinoso
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Oath of Office

The Chair administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Birch.

Approval of May 10, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Anderson second by Durnin to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2021, as submitted. All in favor.

Reports

Caseload Report

The May 2021 Caseload Report was received and filed.

Chairperson's Report

Commissioner Gardiner reminded commissioners of upcoming Juneteenth Celebrations on June 19th

Director's Report

Kelly reported that she had recently attended a Government Alliance on Race and Equity webinar where they provided a toolkit related to HF802, that provides counter narratives in addressing the requirements related to diversity and inclusion training. She will forward that information on to commissioners.

Old Business:

New Business:

Standing Items – Goals 2021-2022:

Goal: To build a greater community awareness and connections to advance Human Rights in Dubuque.

- 1. Outreach and Advocacy Efforts** – *Gardiner, Kurczek, Jackson
Gardiner shared the committee's proposed action items and timelines.
- 2. Inequities in Housing, Homelessness, and Food Access** – *Anderson, McCarthy, Birch
Commissioner Birch brought community concerns about inability to secure housing due to their criminal records. It was suggested that this be something this group discusses. Commissioner Anderson shared this group's proposed action steps.

3. Criminal Justice – *Merfeld, Durnin

The group met and have plans to reach out to local organizations, one being The Fountain of Youth, advocates for restorative justice, as well as community members.

Gardiner asked that each subcommittee meet prior to the July meeting to format their action steps and measures of success and send to Carol so she can update the goals chart and send out for review.

Adjournment:

Jackson motioned, and McCarthy seconded to adjourn. All in favor. The meeting ended at 5:58 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is Monday, July 12, 2021.

Minutes approved as submitted: _____

Minutes approved as corrected: _____