

Human Rights Commission Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022 - 3:30 p.m.

Members Present	Members Absent
Casey Bakhsh	Thomas Boxley
Andrew Carlson	Carmela Hill
Stacy Cole	Vickie Holler
Drew France	Lynn Jones
Toby Jenkins	Kim Teehee
Tia Juby	
Amanda Peregrina	
Joshua Stark	
Shannon Starr	
Andrea Walker	

- I. Call to Order and Introductions**
 - a. Meeting called to order by Chairwoman Juby at 3:33 pm
- II. Presentation of Compassionate Tulsan Awards**
 - a. Commissioner Walker welcomes the recipients and guests of the Compassionate Tulsan Award and introduces Vicky Langston, Chair of the Compassionate Tulsan award as host for this afternoon’s ceremony.
 - b. Vicki Langston thanks the Human Rights Commission for their support and for allowing the committee to make their presentation at the meetings
 - i. The Compassionate Tulsan-of-the-Month for January was Katie Dale, executive director of the Red Dirt Relief Fund, a nonprofit organization that has provided more than \$580,000 to 800+ music people and 38 Oklahoma cities and towns since its inception in 2021.
 - ii. The Compassionate Tulsan-of-the-Month for February was Eva Unterman, a holocaust survivor who has unselfishly given her time and her story by sharing it with school children and other audiences locally, nationally, and internationally.
 - iii. The Annual Sherri Tapp Lifetime-of-Compassionate Service Award was presented to Dr. Tapp’s family (husband Robert Tapp, son Robert Tapp, Jr., and daughter Taylor Tapp), in honor of Dr. Sherri Tapp. She died unexpectedly last year after many years of serving the community in numerous capacities for compassion and social justice.
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes: <https://bit.ly/01242021HRCMM>**
 - a. Commissioner Juby requests a motion to approve the January meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Walker makes a motion to approve the minutes
 - ii. Commissioner France seconds
 - iii. All in unanimous favor
- IV. Chair's Report**

- a. Commissioner Juby announces the need to form a committee for International Human Rights Day to move forward on planning the commission's activities in honor of international human rights day, and requests volunteers.
 - i. Commissioner Stark explains that the committee would be responsible for creating the criteria and measurements for what this might look like.
 - 1. Commissioner Jenkins explains that the commission used to have something like this – and international human rights day is acknowledged in OKC and the capital every year, so it'd be a warranted effort.

V. Standing Committee Reports

- a. **Compliance and Advisory Committee**
 - i. No report
- b. **Fair Housing Committee**
 - i. No report
- c. **Community Relations Committee**
 - i. See section II
- d. **Compassionate Tulsa Committee**

VI. Title 5 Commission Reports:

- a. **The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission**
 - i. No report
- b. **Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women**
 - i. No report
- c. **The Greater Tulsa Area African American Affairs Commission**
 - i. No report
- d. **The Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic /Latinx Affairs Commission**
 - i. Commissioner Peregrina reports that the commission is actively preparing for the Tomas Rivera Awards, which is a ceremony to recognize and honor folks in the Hispanic/Latinx community.

VII. Old Business

- a. Commissioner Juby diverts the commission to the recommendations from the city legal department and goes line by line for the commission to vote to approve or deny.
 - i. Recommendation 1
 - 1. In Article III, in the section labeled "Removal", a commission can recommend the removal of a member "either with or without cause". Legal suggests that the strike "either with or without cause" altogether, or substitute "for cause".
 - a. Commissioner Cole votes no
 - b. All other present commissioners vote to approve.
 - i. Recommendation approved.
 - 2. Article V, in the "Voting Rights" section, states that "Each Commissioner shall have one vote on all Commission-related..." We should expand that to specifically say "Commission-related items" or "matters", "questions", or "proposals".
 - a. All commissioners unanimously voted to approve.
 - 3. Article VII has a section "Method of Election" that mentions a "Nominating Task Force" but then later calls this a Committee. Legal

suggests the commission strike "Task Force" everywhere it appears in your by-laws and use the word "Committee".

- a. All commissioners unanimously voted to approve the recommendation.
4. Article IX requires the use of Robert's Rules. Legal recommends the commission strike the requirement of Robert's Rules in place of an expectation that "Whenever possible, meetings may be conducted without strict adherence to formal rules of procedure."
 - a. All commissioners unanimously voted to approve the recommendation.

VIII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Commissioner Jenkins asks if any appointees for MCSW or GTAAAC will be joining the commission any time soon.
 - i. Krystal informs the commissioners that the matter is still pending.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Juby requests a motion to adjourn
 - i. Commissioner France makes a motion to adjourn
 - ii. Commissioner Cole seconds the motion
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm