



One City for All People

**Commission Meeting *draft minutes***  
**Monday, January 13, 2025, 4:00pm – 5:30pm**  
**Lentz Public Health Center**  
**2500 Charlotte Avenue Nashville, TN 37209**

The mission of the Metro Human Relations Commission is to protect and promote the personal dignity, peace, safety, security, health, and general welfare of all people in Nashville and Davidson County.

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**AGENDA**

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Dr. Ben Tran, Charles Traughber, Jeff Teague, Alecia Wynn, Larae Kwakye, Todd McKinney, Whitney Pastorek, Dahron Johnson, Maryam Abolfazli, Deaconess Garlinda Burton, Erin Coleman, Marcus Buggs, Dakota Galban

**Commissioners not in Attendance:** Genma Stringer-Holmes, Edubina Arce, Dr. Amy Charlton

**Staff in Attendance:** Davie Tucker, Ashley Bachelder, Cathy Carrillo, Crystal Cockrill, Daniel Yoon

**Metro Legal Attorney:** Matthew Garth

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
  - Chair Dr. Ben Tran
- 2. CONFIRM QUORUM**
  - Quorum was confirmed at 4:09pm.
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - None given.
- 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - The November minutes were approved with no edits. The December minutes were approved with one edit.
- 5. FINANCIAL UPDATE**
  - ED Tucker explained that the financial report was incorrect due to misapplied budget allocations. The staff is currently working with Metro Finance to have it corrected.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
  - **Conciliation agreement update – FY25 Grant Policies**
    - **Staff presentation and discussion**
      1. Ashley Bachelder presented the manual for Boards and Commission members and departments heads from Metro Legal.

2. Bachelder updated Commissioners on the progress of the agreement. She cited issues with receiving timely updates and a lack of progress with items in the agreement. Commissioners discussed the report.
3. Arts Commissioner Jester addressed concerns with staff and hiring a new executive director.
4. Arts Vice Chair Commissioner Tre' Hardin expressed gratitude for the work of ED Tucker and Ashley Bachelder.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Committee updates**
  - **Executive**
    1. Dr. Tran reported that the committee will continue its Title VI work.
  - **Bylaws and Rules**
    1. ED Tucker explained that Metro Legal needs additional time to review the changes and make recommendations.
- **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event**
  - Commissioners were encouraged to attend and volunteer to serve as table hosts.
- **Community engagement**
  - 01/15/2025 MLK Banner Day at 6:00pm
  - 01/16/2025 MLK Gala
  - 01/17/2025 Labor and Human Rights Breakfast at 8:00am
  - 01/18/2025 Youth Symposium at 8:30am
  - 01/20/2025 MLK Day Youth Rally and March at 8:00am
- **Executive Director's report**
  - ED Tucker spoke about MHRC's history with the MLK Day events.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Commissioner Johnson expressed disappointment about the lack of response for those in the homeless community during a recent inclement weather event.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:36pm.

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