



One City for All People

**Commission Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 5, 2025, 4:00pm – 5:30pm  
Howard Office Building, Sonny West Conference Center  
700 President Ronald Reagan Way Nashville, TN 37210**

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:** Dakota Galban, Jeff Teague, Dahron Johnon, Whitney Pastorek, Marcus Buggs, Cara Ince, Dr. Amy Charlton, Alecia Wynn, Erin Coleman

**Commissioners not in Attendance:** Dr. Ben Tran, Larea Kwakye, Todd McKinney, Deaconess Garlinda Burton

**Staff in Attendance:** Davie Tucker, Daniel Yoon, Crystal Cockrill

**Metro Legal Attorney:** Matthew Garth

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
  - Second Vice Chair Dakota Galban
2. **CONFIRM QUORUM**
  - Quorum was confirmed at 4:13pm
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
  - There were no public comments.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - The minutes were approved with no edits.
5. **FINANCIAL UPDATE**
  - ED Tucker explained line items in the financial report.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - No Hate on My Plate
    - ED Tucker provided updates about previous NHOMP events. He also asked the Commission to attend a training to serve as facilitators. Crystal Cockrill provided dates for the upcoming events along with other details concerning how to register and participate.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

- Committee update
  - Bylaws
    1. Daniel Yoon and the Commission discussed the rule changes and updates made by the committee. Commissioner Coleman made a motion to accept the changes to the bylaws. The motion passed unanimously. Yoon also informed the Commission the bylaws will change soon due to an upcoming change in quorum requirements. ED Tucker explained that the Commission will be reduced to 15 appointees.
- Mayor's budget
  - ED Tucker expressed gratitude to the mayor's office for including the MHRC in his budget. He explained that the staff will use funds to access and improve language access in the city.
- Mayor's Housing initiative
  - The MHRC was invited to review the [Housing and Infrastructure study](#) compiled by the Planning department. ED Tucker stated that the staff is reviewing the report with an eye toward equity and will submit the information to the Commission to respond to the report in a helpful way.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Crystal Cockrill presented the following announcements:
  - NHOMP – Nashville Food Project 05/13/2025
  - NHOMP - Thistle Farms 05/15/2025
  - NHOMP – Kingdom Café 06/05/2025
  - Executive committee meeting – 05/16/2025
  - Nominating Committee meeting – 05/16/2025
  - Juneteenth Celebration at NMAAM – 06/19/2025
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- Commissioner Johnson expressed concern about the city's ongoing efforts to put into place a variety of surveillance technologies for safety. She encouraged the Commission to continue to work to create environments of safety.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.



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