

**CITY OF LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
MINUTES**

Thursday, February 27, 2025
555 S 10th Street, 1st Floor
City County Building, Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER:

The February 27, 2025 meeting of the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights (LCHR) was called to order at 3:59 p.m. by Alyssa Martin, Chair.

ROLL CALL:

The roll was called.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners: Alyssa Martin (Chair), John Goldrich (Vice Chair), Kewan Asaad, Sheri Blok, Nathan Wen He (arrived at 4:06 p.m.), Rob McEntarffer and Catherine Wilson.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioners: Emira Ibrahimasic.

STAFF PRESENT:

Jamie Reyes, Rob Rowan, Chassidy Jackson-Goodwin, Abby Littrell, Francisca Beltran and Shanna Eckman.

APPROVAL OF January 30, 2025 MINUTES:

A motion was made by Goldrich and seconded by Asaad to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2025 meeting. Hearing no discussion, Ibrahimasic asked for the roll call. Voting "aye" were Martin, Goldrich, Asaad, Blok, McEntarffer and Wilson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF February 27, 2025 AGENDA:

A motion was made by McEntarffer and seconded by Goldrich to approve the agenda. Hearing no discussion, Ibrahimasic asked for the roll call. Voting "aye" were Martin, Goldrich, Asaad, Blok, McEntarffer and Wilson. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing Update: No update.

Bylaws: No update.

NEW BUSINESS:

Outreach: Pride Gala, March 14th at Embassy Suites. March 31st to April 1st is the Forced Migration and Resettlement Symposium.

Coffee and Conversation on April 16th from 9-10 am features Neighborworks and will talk about housing. If anyone has suggestions for topics, please contact Francisca or Jamie.

The NIFA Conference is on April 29th-30th, LCHR will have a table there, as well as at the Lincoln Marathon on May 3rd.

LCHR's last LNK TV show featured Jason Varga with Cost Collective. Preparation for Lincoln Unites has started.

Nominations for the Gerald Henderson Reward are now open, the due date is March 17th and the recipient will be voted on during the March Commission meeting.

Director Report: The LCHR Conference will offer 8.25 CLE hours. The Language Access implementation is still ongoing, LCHR is working with Human Resources to move forward.

Federal funding is still in place for now, LCHR has an active contract with HUD and an extension of last year's contract with the EEOC.

CASE DISPOSITIONS:

LCHR No.: 23-0227-005-H

A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Goldrich to recommend a finding of **no reasonable cause** on all allegations.

He questioned when the email from "Tenant 1" was sent, Investigator Rowan said it was from April 2024.

McEntarffer asked for clarification of what evidence the Complainant would have provided; Investigator Rowan explained that if the Complainant's witness had been reachable or if there had been any physical evidence collected by the police, that could have provided some clarification about events Complainant alleged.

Hearing no further discussion, Martin asked for the roll call. Voting "aye" were Martin, Goldrich, Asaad, Blok, He, McEntarffer and Wilson. Motion carried.

LCHR No.: 24-0917-008-H

A motion was made by Blok and seconded by McEntarffer to recommend a finding of **no reasonable cause** on all allegations.

McEntarffer asked for clarification regarding the calls by/for the Respondent; Investigator Jackson Goodwin clarified that the Respondent had not received any calls to report to the police, and that the table provided were all of the calls the police had responded to at Respondent's location.

Goodrich pointed out that no calls were made by the Complainant.

Hearing no further discussion, Martin asked for the roll call. Voting “aye” were Martin, Goldrich, Asaad, Blok, He, McEntarffer and Wilson. Motion carried.

LCHR No.: 24-1119-021-E-R

A motion was made by Asaad and seconded by Goldrich to recommend a finding of **no reasonable cause** on all allegations.

McEntarffer asked for clarification about the sections where the Complainant didn't respond to the Respondent's response; Investigator Rowan explained that the Complainant disappeared and was not reachable. Goodrich asked if Complainant commandeered a room at the Respondent's location, Investigator Rowan noted that that is what the Respondent said but the Complainant was unreachable to rebut that.

Hearing no further discussion, Martin asked for the roll call. Voting “aye” were Martin, Goldrich, Asaad, Blok, He, McEntarffer and Wilson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 3:45 p.m.
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