

# FAIR & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION



Eija Sumner  
Commission Chair  
[FAHC@ci.moscow.id.us](mailto:FAHC@ci.moscow.id.us)

**Regular Meeting**  
~Minutes~

Lucy Falcy  
Staff Liaison  
208.883.7095

<https://www.ci.moscow.id.us/358/Fair-Affordable-Housing-Commission>

**Thursday**  
**January 8, 2026**

**5:15 PM**

**Haddock Building**  
**504 S. Washington Street**

**Baukol called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eija Sumner, Chair; Juan Albaitero, Randy Baukol, Jo Ellen Force, Leah Halterman, Ellen Peterson, Nathan Tupper, Jennifer Wallace  
OTHERS: Sage McCetich, Evan Holmes  
STAFF: Lucy Falcy

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Election of Officers for 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

*The Commission will need to nominate officers for 2026.*

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 2.

The Commissioners discussed who would like to be nominated for the 2026 Officer positions. Albaitero and Tupper both offered to serve, and the Commission wanted to retain Sumner as Chair.

Force moved to elect Eija Sumner as Chair, Juan Albaitero as Vice Chair, and Nathan Tupper as Secretary. The motion was seconded by Peterson. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albaitero, Baukol, Force, Peterson, Tupper, Wallace (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: Halterman, Sumner (2). Motion carried.

Sumner arrived at 5:25 PM

### 2. Approval of Minutes from December 4, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

*Presentation of minutes for approval.*

Discussed as Agenda Item No. 1.

Albaitero moved for approval of the minutes as presented, seconded by Force. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Albaitero, Baukol, Force, Peterson, Tupper, Wallace (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: Halterman, Sumner (2). Motion carried.

### 3. Public Comment

*Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.*

Michael Gilman, Moscow, commented on the housing resources that Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse provides for the community.

Halterman arrived at 5:29 PM

#### **4. Upcoming Year Planning (ACTION ITEM)**

The Commission reviewed changes to the budget and discussed cancellation of the spring health fair and decreased funding for Intermountain Fair Housing Council (IFHC). The quoted rate to conduct the annual legal fair housing training is beyond that allowed by the FAHC budget. There was a conversation about pursuing alternative means for fair housing education and outreach. The Commission proposed to move the tabling event at the Farmers Market to the fall to have more student exposure.

Albaitero and Force left the meeting at 5:49 PM

The Commissioners will continue discussions to further develop plans at the February meeting with more information from staff and the new City Council liaison. There was a brief conversation about updating flyers and other marketing materials.

Wallace moved for the Commission to look at ways to maximize the FY2026 budget and use state resources for education on housing rights as discussed, seconded by Halterman. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Baukol, Halterman, Peterson, Sumner, Tupper, Wallace (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: Albaitero, Force (2). Motion carried.

#### **REPORTS**

Force will continue to serve as the IFHC board liaison and report back after the winter meeting in February.

Wallace reported that Palouse Habitat for Humanity and Hills & Rivers Housing Trust (HRHT) both received funds for housing projects in Whitman County. The Commission requested Staff schedule an update with Nils Peterson, Executive Director of HRHT, regarding upcoming projects.

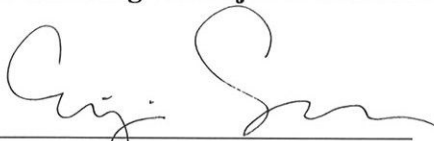
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commissioners all provided introductions about themselves at the beginning of the meeting.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS / MEETINGS**

*The next Fair & Affordable Housing Commission meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2026.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Eija Sumner, Chair

2/12/26  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date