

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
April 21, 2026**

4:00 PM

**Mayor's Conference Room
206 E. 3rd St.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Erin Agidius, Jana Argersinger, Nicholas Smiley-Kallas, John Freeland, Jim Huggins, Rula Awwad-Rafferty (later), Vanessa Stevens, Courtney Jensen

ABSENT: Elizabeth Stevens

STAFF: Anthony Dahlinger (staff liaison), Karen Potter (deputy clerk), Sage McCetich (council liaison)

Introductions were made to new commissioner Courtney Jensen.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mission of the Human Rights Commission

The mission statement was read at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes for February 17, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Approve minutes as presented; approve minutes with amendments; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

There was a correction made to Item #7, Line #1, change "groups" to "coalition."

Smiley-Kallas moved to accept the minutes as amended, and Argersinger seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes: Six. Nays: None. Abstentions: One. Motion carried.

3. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review upcoming meetings and events.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Add/edit items to the calendar; or take such other action deemed appropriate.

The following information will be added to the calendar:

- HRC at the Market, Saturday, May 16, 8:00 a.m., Farmer's Market
- Pridefest, Saturday, August 29, Noon – 4:00 p.m., East City Park

4. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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.

REPORTS

1. Latah County Human Rights Task Force Report

Muneta was out of town and sent an email update. The task force will host a free public presentation of “Our Revolution” by Living Voices on Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the 1912 Center LeCompte Auditorium. The story explores the experiences of a black colonist during the American Revolution. An audience discussion will follow. The program will be presented to public schools the following day. Muneta asked the commission to spread the word.

Note: Because information regarding Agenda Items #2 and #3 blended together, these two items were combined and reported together:

2. Better Together Dinner – Argersinger and Huggins

3. Welcoming Schools / Welcoming Cities – Argersinger

Argersinger has been in contact with Briana Broberg of Welcoming America about the Rural Welcoming Initiative. The initiative would serve as a pathway for other issues, including the Better Together Dinner and a future coalition. Benefits include technical assistance, peer systems, coaching, and a “Welcoming City” certification. There may also be financial support, such as a stipend to cover attendance at a Rural Welcoming Gathering. There was discussion about whether a city-sponsored commission could receive this type of financial support. Argersinger will contact Broberg with questions and report back to the commission. Broberg can also meet with the commission virtually. The 2027 Award Application is due by November. Information will be sent to Staff Liaison Dahlinger for city approval regarding membership and the financial connection to city government.

A draft of the 2025 Better Together Dinner financial analysis was distributed, and additional information may be added. Council Liaison McCetich reminded attendees that City funding must be tied to a service provided to the general public, per the Idaho Code. Comments from Better Together Dinner attendees were reviewed. The Welcoming American Initiative and the dinner results can be combined if the commission is part of the Initiative.

For future agendas, the Better Together Dinner and Welcoming America will be combined into a single agenda item, with the item name to be determined on the May agenda.

4. Mapping Subcommittee – Awwad-Rafferty

Ripple mapping will be removed from future agendas because it is not quite a fit for the Better Together results, contrary to previous plans.

5. Social Justice Forums

- Know Your Rights Workshop: Immigrants, Refugees, and Allies event was held in March. It was well-publicized with about 20-30 in attendance.
- Discrimination and Harassment. City Attorney Mia Bautista and Latah County Prosecutor Ashley Jennings will participate in an event and possibly one more.

6. Human Rights Coalition – Argersinger

Smiley-Kallas contacted the Idaho Human Rights Commission for information about a potential future coalition. Their mission is different and more complaint-focused. He will contact Ada County, the City of Coeur d'Alene, and the City of Boise regarding their human rights commissions, as there do not seem to be many groups across the state similar to ours.

7. Marketing and Messaging – Agidius

There was no report.

8. Report on Hate Incidents / Moscow as an Inclusive Community

Four incidents were reported:

- One individual had two incidents in which they used racial slurs, with one incident being criminal.
- One person used a racial slur at Chick-fil-A, upsetting someone there.
- A perceived racial bias occurred during a neighborhood dispute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Erin Agidius, Chair

HRC Better Together Dinner Analysis - 2025					
Date	Expenditures - Contributions By Whom - Where	Expenditures - Items	Income - Contributions	Expenditures Gross	Expenditures Net Total
9/17/2025	Allegra Printing—Argersinger reimbursement	Dinner flyers, two large posters		\$ 116.37	
9/30/2025	Safeway—Argersinger reimbursement	Balloons		\$ 5.00	
9/30/2025	Happy Hog Meatery	Catered dinner buffet*		\$ 1,149.00	
9/30/2025	Allegra Printing—Argersinger reimbursement	Additional dinner flyers		\$ 27.95	
9/30/2025	LCHRTF co-sponsorship for the Dinner, \$300, was included in our budget as if it were a refund amount for HRC, will go towards the Dinner expenses. It is listed as a contribution amount.		\$ 300.00		
9/30/2025	LCHRTF co-sponsorship of \$75—itemized here as paid expense			\$ 75.00	
	Total Expenditures		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,373.32	\$ 1,073.32
Various	Unreimbursed expenses				
	Agidius, Roberts, Mower, Freeland, Awwad-Rafferty	Beverages, Ice, Service Items		\$ 72.00	
	Venue - LDS House	Room, services **		no charge	
	Total Expenditures including unreimbursed expenses		\$ 300.00	\$ 1,445.32	\$ 1,145.32
Notes					
*	Catered Dinner				
	Happy Hog Meatery provided a served buffet: the \$1149 charge was for estimated attendance of 90 (~\$12.75 person)—60 actually attended; leftovers donated to Latah Recovery Center (HHM cost included containers)				
**	Venue				

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2026 Planning Calendar

Event	Day of Week	Date	Time	Location
HRC at the Market	Sat.	May 16	8 a.m.	Friendship Square
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	May 19	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	June 16	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Juneteenth	Fri.	June 19		
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	July 21	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	August 18	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Pridefest	Sat.	August 29	Noon	Farmer's Market
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	September 15	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Indigenous People's Day	Mon.	Oct. 12		
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Oct. 20	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Nov. 17	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.
Monthly Meeting	Tues.	Dec. 15	4 p.m.	Mayor's Conf. Rm.