

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting ~Minutes~

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**Tuesday,
June 16, 2026**

4:00 P.M.

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

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

PRESENT: Elizabeth Stevens, Courtney Jensen, Vanessa Stevens, Jim Huggins, Nick Smiley-Kallas, Jana Argersinger, Jacob Navarret, John Freeland (Teams)

ABSENT: Rula Awward-Rafferty

STAFF: Anthony Dahlinger (staff liaison), Crista VanOvermeer (deputy clerk), Trisha Bruce (deputy clerk), Sage McCetich (City Council Liaison)

GUESTS: Erin Agidius

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 May 19, 2026 (ACTION ITEM)

Minutes presented for approval.

PROPOSED ACTIONS: Muneta clarified a name correction, United in Community Coalition. Jensen moved to accept the minutes as amended; and Argersinger seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes: Nine. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

3. Review of Calendar (ACTION ITEM)

Review of 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:

- Juneteenth, Friday, June 19, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Member of the public, Agidius, confirmed with Dahlinger, this sponsorship request is pending City Administration approval. E. Stevens asked for a point person to coordinate volunteers for the Palouse Pride event, Navarret stated he would volunteer.

4. Better Together Dinner, and Welcoming Cities – Huggins

Huggins revamped the financial report for readability. The report refers to the dinner as an annual event. Concern about financial responsibility and holding off on this event to not operate at a deficit. V. Stevens suggested “First Annual” being removed from the text of the report and wanted to discuss possible venues for a future event. One suggestion is that it is held closer to or on campus to have the HRC bridge the gap due to the current lack of DEI programs at the University of Idaho. McCetich reminded everyone that venues need to be open to the public and ADA accessible. Smiley-Kallas will present the full report at the City Council meeting on July 20, 2026.

5. Social Justice Forums - Smiley-Kallas

Smiley-Kallas stated local prosecutors would like to host a “Know Your Rights” forum. City Attorney Bautista is a possible speaker for this event, which could potentially be held in Council Chambers at Moscow City Hall in September. An action item will be added to the next agenda to develop the upcoming social justice forum.

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

Dahlinger reported there was one event in May where a racial slur was used in a message between two former co-workers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McCetich asked for input on what the HRC would like to share at the next City Council Meeting. It was determined he would share the transfer of leadership, the potential of an upcoming social justice forum, clarification on sponsorship of out-of-town/state events such as Juneteenth, and the upcoming report on the Better Together Dinner.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Elizabeth Stevens, Chairperson

