



# City of Northfield

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Human Rights Commission

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Wednesday, August 28, 2024

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### 6:00 PM - REGULAR AGENDA CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

*Chair Adam Wale called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.*

- Present:** 5 - Commissioner Glenda Orrego, Commissioner Bruce Morlan, Chair Adam Wale, Commissioner Schuyler Vogel and Commissioner Alec Vatter
- Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Veronica Gamino, Commissioner Barb Wornson and Commissioner Brisa Zubia

*Also present: Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia, Commissioner Hannah Pape, and Meeting Associate Kirsten Fjeld Zillmer.*

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**A motion was made by Commissioner Morlan, seconded by Commissioner Orrego, to approve the agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Commissioner Morlan, Chair Wale, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Vatter

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [24-465](#) June 26, 2024 HRC Meeting Minutes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vatter, seconded by Commissioner Morlan, to approve the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

- Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Commissioner Morlan, Chair Wale, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Vatter

### OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

*No public comment was received.*

### REGULAR AGENDA

2. [24-513](#) Minnesota Department of Human Rights update.

*Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia provided updates from the MN Department of Human Rights training regarding changes in protections from disability discrimination under the Human Rights Act, how to access the training online, and how to register for future trainings.*

**3. [24-514](#) 2024 Subcommittees.**

*Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia provided updates on the upcoming Hispanic Heritage Celebration, encouraged commissioners to access the SignUpGenius, and recommended the HRC provide an activity for the event.*

*Commissioner Schuyler Vogel provided an update on the continued planning for the MLK event.*

*Commissioner Bruce Morlan, as part of the Housing subcommittee, discussed concerns about a possible township housing development to which the city's response may create issues that the HRC might want to address.*

*Chair Adam Wale provided updates from the Economic Development subcommittee, highlighting an Economic Development Authority small business loan to KYMN, which provides city news and information to residents without access to internet. Commissioners discussed ongoing transportation, accessibility and affordable housing issues within the city and the need to create a HRC public policy charter which addresses how the commission can address these issues through the input of the Economic and Housing subcommittees.*

**STAFF UPDATES****4. [24-515](#) Staff Report.**

*Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia provided updates about city services, including the upcoming general election and the success of the Passport Services at the Northfield Public Library.*

**BOARD MEMBER AND COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

*Spanish Translator Claudia Garcia noted the need to fill two HRC seats and encouraged commissioners to share information about applying for those seats.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vogel, seconded by Commissioner Orrego, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m.**

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Orrego, Commissioner Morlan, Chair Wale, Commissioner Vogel and Commissioner Vatter