

**Austin Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2024**

Present: Commissioners Davis, Ritz, Garate, Van Vugt, Spyhalski

Absent: Commissioners Halvorsen, Hampton, Holtorf, Le

Guests: Faye Lodhi.

Call to Order & Roll Call: Commissioner Spyhalski called the meeting to order at 5:46 p.m. due to delay in achieving quorum.

1. Adopt/Approve Agenda: Commissioner Ritz motioned; Commissioner VanVugt seconded – the motion carried unanimously.
2. Approve August 23, 2024 Minutes: The minutes from the 8/23/24 meeting were reviewed. Commissioner Ritz made a motion and Commissioner Garate seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Budget report: Commissioner Spyhalski reported that there have been no changes to the remaining \$2,514.21.
4. Request for support – Austin Public Library: The Austin Public Library requested support for an upcoming LGBTQ+ awareness event. After discussion, Commissioner Spyhalski made a motion that we allocate \$625 to the Library for the purchase of books. Commissioner Ritz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
5. HRC Strategic Planning session – tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 22nd at the Austin Public Library. Leaders from the community and Hormel Foods have been invited.
6. Continued discussion on work with University of Minnesota Human Rights Center for International Human Rights Day. Commissioner Davis gave a brief update on the dialogue with the U of MN Human Rights Center for International Human Rights Day. Commissioner Van Vugt requested to be invited to next meeting.

5:59 p.m.; One commissioner left; quorum broken. Meeting suspended.

7. Next meeting – October 28, 2024 @ 5:30 PM
8. Adjourn