

**Berea Human Rights Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
Randy Stone Room, Berea City Hall**

I. Call to Order

Chair Sharyn Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: Mim Pride, Felecia Ballard, Susie Harris, Sharyn Mitchell, Janel Lakes Davenport

Absent: Katie Heckman (Resigned)

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the June 25, 2025 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Mim, seconded by Felecia. Motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- The spreadsheet will be corrected to reflect fiscal months instead of annual months.
- Add October 2024 expenses of \$210.71.
- Fiscal year begins July 2025.
- Motion to receive report made by Mim, seconded by Felecia. Motion carried.

V. Unfinished Business

- **Training Session:** Alysia Mora with Room in the Inn will reschedule for August. Discussion included connecting with community members about housing issues, addressing scam awareness, and school system needs. Primary concerns include housing, food insecurity, access to healthcare, and scams. Proposal to hold every other month as a program-focused meeting on these issues.
- **2025–2026 Calendar of Events & Programs:** August meeting topic will be Housing. Invited guests: Room in the Inn and Michael Harrington (Tenants Union).
- **BHRC Records Storage:** Mim will contact Shawn Sandlin regarding available storage space. Phone system solutions will also be discussed.
- **Abolish Slavery Resolution:** The resolution will be sent and included in the next meeting minutes.
- **HRC Website Updates:** Commissioners should report updates and changes to Mim.
- **Juneteenth Celebration Recap & Debrief:** A Zoom meeting will be scheduled for July 29, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. Invitees: Dayzaughn Graves and Ali Blair.
- **John G. Fee & Janice Blythe Awards:**
 - Selection deadline: September 24, 2025.
 - Presentation: October 21, 2025, City Council Meeting.
 - Application deadline: September 15, 2025, with notices running on 9/4 and 9/11.
 - New plaques needed for:

- Austin Weiner (2024)
- Chloe Carpenter (2023 – correction needed to show correct award name).

VI. New Business

No new business.

VII. Announcements

None.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

None.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Susie, seconded by Mim. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.