

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes of January 03, 2023

Commissioners Present – Rabbi Keith Stern, Cindy Greene, Jane Brown, Eli Ingraham, Tamika Olszewski

Commissioners Absent –Rakashi Chand

Advisory Council Present – Lt Amanda Henrickson

Student Representatives Present – Ryan Chitty

Guests – Hattie Kerwin Derrick, Eliza Spaulding, Stephen Gerzof, Jake Donnelly, Jaclyn Zawada, Tatjana Meschede

Staff to the Commission – Shemeka Hill

The meeting was called to order by Rabbi Keith Stern at 7:05 pm

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from November 01, 2022, meeting approved.
3. Newton police report – Lt Amanda Henrickson
 - No new biased related incidents or crimes in Newton
 - Discussion about overall number of incidents for 2022
4. Complaints received – Shemeka Hill
 - None received this month
5. Student reports – Ryan Chitty
 - November 2022 GSA held a special discussion about club shooting in Colorado Springs.
 - December 2022 special ceremony held to dedicate the new wrestling mat to peace after incident last year.
 - December 2022 GSA hosted LGBTQ Awareness Day.
6. Updates from the Mayor’s Office – Hattie Kerwin Derrick
 - None received this month
7. Updates from Commissioners
 - Discussion and vote about Cattle Car Experience.
 - Presentation by Jaclyn Zawada about roles and responsibilities of the commission and open meeting law.
 - Discussion about HRC & Fair Housing Commission possible collaborative process for complaints
8. Upcoming Events Announcements
 - Constructive White Conversation Program
 - Story Starters
 - Know Your Rights & Bystander Training
9. Public Comment
 - None received this month

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting will be February 07, 2023, on Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Newton Health and Human Services Department