

THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
Minutes of October 03, 2023

Commissioners Present – Rabbi Keith Stern, Jane Brown

Commissioners Absent – Rakashi Chand, Maureen Sullivan, Cindy Greene, William Dain, Tamika Olszewski

Advisory Council Present – Officer Eric Rosenbaum

Student Representatives Present – None

Guests – Jaclyn Zawada

Staff to the Commission – Shemeka Hill, Linda Walsh

The meeting was called to order by Rabbi Keith Stern at 7:00 pm

1. Introductions
2. Minutes from September 05, 2023, meeting approval deferred until next meeting.
3. Newton police report – Officer Rosenbaum
 - One incident involving a swastika being found in the freshman football locker room at Newton North High School. Was removed but unable to find evidence on cameras in the area.
 - One incident involving an anti-black statement spray painted on the side of the building at Brimmer & May School. No cameras available in the area.
4. Complaints received – Shemeka Hill
 - One complaint received via the HRC email. Complaint involved a city employee and was forwarded to Human Resources.
5. Student reports –
 - None Received this month
6. Updates from the Mayor’s Office –
 - None this month
7. Updates from Commissioners
 - Nominations for Human Rights Awards
 - Reschedule complaint process discussion with Law department (Jaclyn Zawada)
8. Upcoming Events Announcements
 - Interrupting Antisemitism event on Wednesday, October 11th 6:30pm – 8:00pm in the War Memorial

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

Next meeting will be November 14, 2023, on Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Newton Health and Human Services Department