

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

MONDAY, October 18, 2021 - 6:00P.M.

MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Glenn Morgan
Patricia Osborne
Gary White
Rayshma Ali

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Samantha Perez
Denise Anderson
John Papagiannakis

The Regular Meeting of the Human Rights Commission was held at the Municipal Building Council Chambers, One Main Street.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Glenn Morgan.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes from the previous meeting on September 13, 2021 were discussed and motioned for adoption by Chair Glenn Morgan. Vice Chair Osborne motions and Gary White seconded. All members present voted to adopt the minutes.

Chair Morgan asks for the chairs of each sub-committee if there are any update to which the committee was informed both the Woodbridge Police Sub-Committee and the Woodbridge Board of Education Committees had zoom meetings to discuss further action items.

Vice Chair Osborne explains that the Board of Education Sub-Committee is waiting to hear back from Dr. Massimino to set up a meeting so that sub-committee members can ask questions and formally invite them to a meeting.

Member Rayshma Ali asks if the Police are implementing training to which Vice Chair Osborne advises that the Police discussion was on the bills and laws that were recently passed in the NJ State Legislation not any kind of training or internal police matters.

Vice Chair Osborne switches gears by discussing the Board of Education's role during the 2020 Black Lives Matter rallies at Parker Press Park.

A debate ensues between the commission members about critical race theory. Sergeant at Arms Gary White and Vice Chair Osborne passionately explain their own points of views on the matter explaining that critical race theory should be taught in schools and it includes all minorities histories, not just Black History - while that is a big and important portion.

Rayshma Ali asks for clarification on the proposed Board of Education questions for when the sub-committee meets with the BOE Administrations on number 1 and what the 9 content core areas are to which Vice Chair Osborne answers they are the whole spectrum of education: language arts, math, science, music, arts, physical education, etc. she continues to explain that Mr. Kendall Ali is designing their own curriculum on diversity and inclusion. Rayshma suggests that the BOE could do something where they find out what holiday the kids celebrate and they bring the celebration to us.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

PUBLIC

Chairman Morgan opens to the public at 7:31. No public questions Chair Morgan motions to close the meeting. Gary White motions and Vice Chair Osborne Seconds.

ADJOURN

Chair Morgan motions to adjourn at 7:32pm. Vice Chair Osborne motions and Gary White seconded.