



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Human Rights Commission

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021

5:15 PM

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#### Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Chauncy Turner at 5:20PM.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Tracy Littlejohn, Julie McDermid, Chauncy M Turner, Chelsey Myhre-Foster, Mac Kiel, Tashyra Bernard  
**Excused:** 1 - A Xiong  
**Absent:** 1 - Kemmesha Thomas

#### Approval of Minutes

1. [21-1315](#) Approval of the Minutes from August 11, 2021.

A motion was made by Bernard, seconded by McDermid, that this Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

#### Agenda Items:

2. [21-1316](#) Fair Housing Complaint - Pamela Raisbeck v. WEC Rentals - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.  
*(Note: The Committee and/or Council may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1)(a) to deliberate its decision. Following any closed session, the Committees and/or Council may reconvene in open session.)*

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Pamela Raisbeck vs. WEC Rentals\\_REDACTED.pdf](#)

Neither the Complainant, nor the Respondent was in attendance.

A motion was made by Bernard, seconded by Myhre-Foster, that this General Item be REFERRED to the next Human Rights Commission meeting within the 25 business days from when the Complaint was filed. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

3. [21-1317](#) Fair Housing Complaint - Malcolm Nelson v. Wood - Determination whether

the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

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**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Nelson vs. Wood REDACTED.pdf](#)

**Complainant reached out to staff requesting to refer the item because they were unable to be in attendance.**

**A motion was made by Littlejohn, seconded by Myhre-Foster, that this General Item be REFERRED to the next Human Rights Commission meeting within the 25 business days from when the Complaint was filed. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

4. [21-1345](#)

Fair Housing Complaint - Hatlestad v. City of La Crosse - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

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**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Hatlestad vs City of La Crosse REDACTED.pdf](#)

**Staff informed the Commission that all discrimination complaints involving the City shall be referred, pursuant to Secs. 22-24(j) of the Municipal Code. The Commission will take no action on this item.**

5. **Update on Racial Equity Team**

**No action taken on this item.**

## **Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn made by Bernard, seconded by Littlejohn. Meeting adjourned at 5:57PM.**

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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