



# 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, October 18, 2017

5:15 PM

5th floor conference room

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#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Shaundel Spivey at 5:16 p.m.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Rose Reinert, Ashley Lacenski, Elizabeth Digby-Britten, Shaundel Spivey

**Excused:** 1 - Will Van Roosenbeek, Vacant 1, Vacant 2

**Present:** 4 - Ashley Lacenski, Shaundel Spivey, Elizabeth Digby-Britten, Rose Reinert

**Excused:** 3 - Vacant 1, Vacant 2, Will Van Roosenbeek

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 20, 2017 meeting minutes with corrections to Fabio Burgos' name spelling. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Present:** 4 - Ashley Lacenski, Shaundel Spivey, Elizabeth Digby-Britten, Rose Reinert

**Excused:** 1 - Will Van Roosenbeek

**Absent:** 2 - Vacant 1, Vacant 2

#### Agenda Items:

1. [17-1318](#) Complaint filed by Genean Thomas vs. City of La Crosse Housing Authority -Review of response received by the City of La Crosse Human Rights Commission from Hale Skemp Hanson Skemp & Sleik Attorneys & Counselors at Law, representing the Housing Authority of the City of La Crosse, dated October 18, 2017.

*(Note: The Board may convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 19.85(1) (a) regarding deliberating a case which is the subject of a quasi-judicial body. Following any closed session, the Board may reconvene in open session.)*

**Attachments:** [Request received 9-28-17 from Housing Authority attorney](#)

Shaundel Spivey motioned for the commission to enter into closed session at 5:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Ashley Lacenski, seconded by Rose Reinert, to come back into open session at 5:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Rose Reinert, seconded by Elizabeth Digby-Britten, to grant the request of Hale Skemp Hanson Skemp & Sleik attorneys & Counselors at Law, representing the Housing Authority of the City of La Crosse, to toll the time for the Housing Authority to respond to the complaint filed by Genean Thomas vs. City of La Crosse Housing Authority, per the letter dated September 28, 2017. The commission will allow until October 31, 2017 for a response.

The attorney representing the Housing Authority stated she felt that one of the commissioners had a conflict of interest and should recuse himself from the item.

A motion was made by Reinert to table all other agenda items for the meeting scheduled November 8, 2017.

**Yes:** 4 - Lacenski, Spivey, Digby-Britten, Reinert

**Excused:** 3 - Vacant 1, Vacant 2, Van Roosenbeek

2. [17-1004](#) Update on letter to school district following complaint filed by Elizabeth Digby-Britten
3. [17-1147](#) Discuss Housing Authority issues, including denials, application process, accommodation and possibility of updating raw data regarding applicant denials.
4. [17-1002](#) Sundown Town display and possible collaboration with Arts Board listening session on art and social justice
5. [17-1506](#) Fair Housing Outreach event
6. [17-1164](#) Announcements/Community Events
7. [17-1111](#) HRC Member Vacancy
8. [17-1317](#) Public Forum

### **Next Meeting Date/Agenda Items**

### **Adjournment**

*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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