



City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

Meeting Minutes

Human Rights Commission

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

5:15 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/82011961171?pwd=QDLnaJmMpwhO1JkQl8qqqKY6vR3ucu.1>

Meeting ID: 820 1196 1171 Passcode: 873475

Join by Phone: +1 646 931 3860

Call to Order

Bakalars called the meeting to order at 5:18 PM.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Kimberly Cable, Gretchen Guinn Paquette, Claire Bakalars, Rosanne Northwood, Kerrigan Trautsch

Excused: 2 - A Xiong, Marissa Sutherland

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Northwood, seconded by Guinn Paquette, that these Minutes be APPROVED. The motion carried by voice vote.

Notices and Discussion

Trautsch and Cable introduced themselves to the commissioners. Then the commissioners introduced themselves to the new members.

Agenda Items:

[25-1148](#)

Discrimination Complaint - Samantha Anderson v. River City Rentals

Complainant shared more details about her attempt to tour apartments, citing travel arrangements and communications. When here appointments were cancelled, she alleged that the landlord had no intention of renting to her because of her disability. Cable asked how much the travel expenses were. Complainant did not have them on hand.

Respondent explained application process and apartment touring protocols they follow, and shared that it has leased apartments to disabled people. Cable asked for more

details for applicants traveling from out of town. Respondent explained their process. Bakalars asked for documentation about the application fee and the respondent provided it. Bakalars asked for the addresses of the apartments. Cable asked about whether the business address was in La Crosse (it's in Campbell). Northwood asked whether pre-approval language means the applicant should be able to expect to get an apartment (the application is good for 90 days for any apartment).

Complainant responded by clarified her travel itinerary and why rescheduling was not possible.

A motion was made by Cable, seconded by Trautsch, to convene in closed session. The motion carried by voice vote.

The Commission reconvened in open session. The commission determined that the complaint does not allege sufficient facts to move forward. The complaint based on a disability occurred within 180 days and it is unclear whether the location of the discrimination was in the city of La Crosse.

A motion was made by Guinn Paquette, seconded by Trautsch, that this Discrimination Complaint be DENIED. The motion carried by voice vote.

Adjournment

Bakalars adjourned the meeting at 6:02 PM.

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.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY

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