



# 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, June 25, 2025

5:15 PM

Eagle Room

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#### Call to Order

Bakalars called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - A Xiong, Gretchen Guinn Paquette, Claire Bakalars, Rosanne Northwood

**Excused:** 1 - Marissa Sutherland

#### Approval of Minutes

Paquette motioned to approve the minutes, Northwood seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Agenda Items:

1     [25-0643](#)     Chair and Vice Chairperson Elections

*New member, Councilmember Rosanne Northwood, introduced herself.*

**Northwood declined to be chairperson, but accepted the vice chairperson position.**

**Northwood nominated Bakalars for chairperson, Paquette seconded. There were no other nominations and Bakalars was approved by acclamation.**

2     [25-0728](#)     Discrimination Complaint - Gale Hendersen v. Aptiv

*Henderson shared documents; she did not document money that she received. Paquette asked if there was any audit on the company. Henderson said she was accused of faking it. Henderson said the date of the most recent occurrence was Easter (April 20, 2025), so within the 180-day window. Bakalars asked about clarification about misused funds. Tyler Stapleton represented APTIV. He provided bank and representative payee service statements. They have to report to the Social Security Administration (SSA). He shared manuals laying out Social Security payments. This is the first accusation of misuse of funds in Stapleton's 5 and 1/2 years with APTIV. SSA granted Henderson's request to be her own representative payee. Northwood asked about what Henderson meant when she checked "proof of income" in the discrimination complaint. Paquette asked about employee Henderson worked directly with. Henderson claims APTIV did not deposit her disability payments, and she hasn't paid her cable bill.*

Xiong motioned to enter closed session, Northwood seconded. The motion carried by acclamation.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Northwood motioned that the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted, Paquette seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

## **Adjournment**

Bakalars adjourned the meeting at 6:47 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.*

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