



# 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, April 10, 2024

5:15 PM

Eagle Room

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This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/82083116781?pwd=s9i4jIwakxYyX527zkZ4imfv4vSqdC.1>

Meeting ID: 820 8311 6781      Passcode: 319006

Join by phone: +1 507 473 4847

#### Call to Order

Bakalars called the meeting to order at 5:19 pm.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 5 - Tracy Littlejohn, A Xiong, Tashyra Bernard, Gretchen Guinn Paquette, Claire Bakalars

**Excused:** 1 - Mac Kiel

#### Approval of Minutes

Paquette moved to approve the minutes, Bernard seconded. The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices and Discussion

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [24-0346](#) Fair Housing Complaint - Samantha Parker v. Coulee Region Rentals - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

**Attachments:**    [HRC Complaint - Samantha Parker](#)  
[LT St Valerie \(Parker Complaint\) - sufficient fact - 20 days to file written response](#)  
[St. Vallerie Apts - Gonzales Response 4.18.2024](#)

*Neither party was in attendance.*

The commission convened in closed session.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Littlejohn announced the commission determined the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted.

2 [24-0487](#)

Fair Housing Complaint - Hannah Eitland v. Heather Johnson - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Hannah Eitland\\_Redacted](#)  
[Heather Johnson Prelim Response Letter 3.27.2024](#)  
[LT Respondent Reliant \(Eitland Complaint\) - sufficient fact - 20 days to file written response](#)

*Complainant gave testimony. Respondent gave testimony. Bernard asked about lease and when the doctor's notice was received. Complainant added that the ESA agreement would impact the deposit, which is why her roommates did not sign off. The deposit would go toward the cost of restoring the condition of the residence to pre-ESA conditions. Respondent said that includes a special kind of professional carpet cleaning and could include duct cleaning. Bakalars asked about roommate involvement in the ESA process and when they changed their support.*

The commission convened in closed session.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Littlejohn announced the commission determined the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted.

3 [24-0492](#)

Discrimination Complaint - Taryn Baardseth v. Clerk of Courts - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Taryn Baardseth\\_Redacted](#)  
[LT Taryn Baardseth - Complaint dismissed](#)  
[LT Respondent Clerk of Courts - Baardseth complaint dismissed](#)

The commission convened in closed session.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Littlejohn announced the commission determined the complaint fails to allege sufficient facts and the complainant shall be dismissed with prejudice.

4 [24-0501](#)

Discrimination Complaint - Taryn Baardseth v. Collins Flaherty Law Office - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint Baardseth - Collins Flaherty Law Office](#)  
[LT Taryn Baardseth - Complaint dismissed](#)  
[LT Respondent Collins Flaherty Law Office - Baardseth complaint dismissed](#)

The commission convened in closed session.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Littlejohn announced the commission determined the complaint fails to allege sufficient facts and the complainant shall be dismissed with prejudice.

5 [24-0502](#)

Discrimination Complaint - Taryn Baardseth v. Three Rivers Performance - Determination whether the complaint alleges sufficient facts that if true, relief could be granted and therefore whether complaint is actionable.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint Baardseth - Three Rivers Performance.pdf](#)  
[Three Rivers Performance Prelim Response to HRC4.10.2024](#)  
[LT Taryn Baardseth - Complaint dismissed](#)  
[LT Respondent Three Rivers Performance - Baardseth complaint dismissed](#)

The commission convened in closed session.

The commission reconvened in open session.

Littlejohn announced the commission determined the complaint fails to allege sufficient facts and the complainant shall be dismissed with prejudice.

6 [24-0486](#)

Fair Housing Complaint - Schultz for Peterson v. La Crosse Housing Authority - Determination that the Commission does not have jurisdiction.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Schultz for Peterson](#)  
[LT HUD re Schultz - Peterson Complaint against Housing Authority](#)  
[LT Schultz - Peterson re HUD referral](#)

*The commission had no objections to the referral and will allow staff to refer City-related cases administratively, so they can be addressed in a timely manner.*

7 [24-0263](#)

Recent discrimination complaints about the City or Housing Authority that have been referred.

**Attachments:** [HRC Complaint - Bridget Karl](#)  
[HRC Complaint - Charo Smith](#)  
[HRC Complaint - Jared T. Endres](#)

8 [24-0079](#)

Monthly Updates From REACH, DEI Committee, and Homelessness Coordinator

**Attachments:** [Total Navigation Team Flyer](#)

*There were no updates from the DEI Committee and staff did not receive any updates from REACH or the homelessness coordinator this month.*

## Next Meeting / Agenda Items

*The next meeting will be 5/8 at 5:15pm. Agenda items may include follow up on the*

*cases where there may be sufficient evidence for a discrimination complaint.*

## **Adjournment**

**Littlejohn adjourned the meeting at 6:50 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**

*Requests from persons with a disability who need assistance to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk's office at (608) 789-7510 or send an email to [ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org](mailto:ADAcityclerk@cityoflacrosse.org), with as much advance notice as possible.*