

**ROCK ISLAND
HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMISSION**

Mission: The mission of the Rock Island Human Rights Commission is to bring about greater public awareness of the ethnic and cultural diversity that exists within the community and to ensure that all humans are treated equally, regardless of race gender, religion, age, or disability.

02/18/2021 The Rock Island Human Rights Commission meets the third (3) Thursday of each month beginning

Location: Conference Room City Liaison: Jerry Jones
 Martin Luther King Jr. Center Chairman: Quincy Davis
 630 Martin Luther King Dr Vice Chairman: Janet Lockhart-Johnson
 Rock Island, IL 61201 Secretary: Christiana Headley

I. As part of his Executive Order in Response to Covid-19, #2020-07, section 6, Governor Pritzker announced in part that “During the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body are suspended. Specifically, (1) the requirement in 5 ILCS 120/2.01 that ‘members of a public body must be physically present’ is suspended; and (2) the conditions in 5 ILCS 120/7 limiting when remote participation is permitted are suspended. Public bodies are encouraged to postpone consideration of public business where possible.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Janet Lockhart-Johnson. The following commission members were present virtually via Google Meetings (P):

P	Thurgood Brooks	P	Jerry Jones, City Liaison
P	Quincy Davis, Chairman	P	Jason Lopez
P	Gregg Hampton	P	Clayton Peterson
P	Christiana Headley	P	Tamara Felden
	David Levin		Vincent Thomas
P	Janet Lockhart Johnson, Vice Chairman	P	Steven Andich
P	Margie Mejia-Carabello		

Consideration of meeting minutes

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Jason Lopez, seconded by Margie Mejia-Carabello, consensus.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

III. Membership Update

All positions are full at this time.

IV. Old Business

74-2020-JT: Jerry received a response from the complainant to decline the services of the Human Rights Commission and take matters into his own hands. Clayton Peterson made a motion to close the case, seconded by Jason Lopez, consensus.

V. New Business

Ordinance for the Rock Island Human Rights Commission: Document changes were presented to the commission members by Steve Andich and Tamara Felden. Discussion of naming a hearing officer to preside over hearings, which will be a member of the human rights commission. There are two types of subpoenas: 1. subpoena for records and 2. subpoena for someone to appear in person. The document has been cleaned up to include provisions. A change needs to be made from "county" to "city" of Rock Island. Steve Andich made a motion to approve the document with this former change, seconded by Tamara Felden, consensus. Jerry will make approved changes and prepare document to be submitted to Randy Tweet, city manager.

VI. Commissioner comments: Jason Lopez met with former Augustana faculty members Norm Moline and Paul Olsen who have offered to speak with the commission. The commission agreed to open the event to the public and publicize it this fall or winter as an in person event at the MLK Jr. Center.

VII. Adjourn: Margie made a motion to adjourn at 5:32 pm, Clayton 2nd, consensus.

NEXT MEETING: The Rock Island Human Rights Commission normally meets the third Thursday of each month, **March 18, 2021**, 630 Martin Luther King Dr. Rock Island, IL 61201 beginning at **5:00 p.m.** Due to COVID-19, the Commission will continue to meet through Google Meeting set up by Jerry Jones, until further notice.