



**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
April 15, 2026 - 5:00 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (7): Evett Ellis, AnnaPoorna Rajesh, Siham Amedy, Jenifer Cannon, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads, Sebastian McDougall

Present Not Voting (0):

Absent (0):

2. Land Acknowledgement

We, the Moorhead Human Rights Commission, collectively and with gratitude, acknowledge the sacred land the City of Moorhead is built upon. We acknowledge the people who have resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Dakota, Ojibwe, Metis and all Indigenous Communities permeates this land. The contribution of the Indigenous people shall not be forgotten nor will the success that is achieved by the People of the land. We will continue to educate, advocate, honor and unite for Indigenous people of this land.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. March 18, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Sebastian McDougall and seconded by Jenifer Cannon.

For 3: Evett Ellis, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion

4. Guest Speaker

A. Kelly Gorz, High Plains Fair Housing

Kelly provided the commission with information on fair housing and how it is federally protected.

Kelly shared information on housing rights, to learn more visit their website,

www.highplainsfhc.org

5. Community Partners

6. Citizens To Be Heard

Chair Evett Ellis spoke to the commissioners as a community member of Moorhead and how April is sexual assault month (SAM). Evett provided information to the commissioners on how Moorhead should be aware of resources in the community for sexual assault survivors.

7. Regular Business

8. Subcommittee Reports

A. Education and Outreach

Commissioners discussed the topic of wanting a social media page for the HRC, staff liaison stated the topic will be looked into.

B. Events

Growing our local leaders provides opportunities for those of different backgrounds. May 2nd is the graduation of this program 2pm - 4pm Shooting Star Casino. To find out more go to their website at, [Growing Local Leadership program | UMN Extension](#).

C. Awards

The Destiny Holiday Award is seeking nominations. The awards subcommittee shared that in prior years the nominations were reviewed by a selected outside group of individuals. Those who have insight on who could be reviewers should email that information to the staff liaison. The call for nominations ends May 11. Previous years the award was presented at the Juneteenth event. Due to the event not yet determined, commissioners discussed having the Destiny Holiday Award presented at the June 8 City Council Meeting.

9. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

10. New Business

11. Adjourn