



**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
September 17, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Land Acknowledgement

- A. *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. August 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by AnnaPoorna Rajesh and seconded by Evett Ellis.

For 4: Siham Amedy, Jenifer Cannon, Trenton Gerads, Sebastian McDougall

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Motion Passed

4. Guest Speaker

- A. Brandon Baity, Executive Director — Indigenous Association

Brandon reported to the commission about the Indigenous Peoples Day Event. Nativefm.org website. Orange shirt day September 30, 2025 the event will take place on Sunday at the Indigenous Association location.

5. Community Partners

6. Citizens To Be Heard

No citizens to be heard.

7. Law Enforcement Update

The Assistant Police Chief, Bill Ahlfeldt, was present at the meeting and provided the commissioners with the update from law enforcement.

8. Regular Business

9. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Education and Outreach Committee
- B. Events
- C. Awards

10. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

Commissioners reported on upcoming community events.

11. New Business

- A. Human Rights Awards
Voting Requirements:

The commissioners reviewed the informational letter and guidelines to the human rights awards. The human rights awards are given out in December at the last City Council meeting for the year. More discussion on the awards will take place at the October meeting.

- B. Future of the Human Rights Commission
Voting Requirements:

The topic of the future of the Human Rights Commission was on the agenda per the request of two commissioners, Trenton Gerads and Jennifer Aranda. This item was requested to have a discussion of the purpose of the Human Rights Commission and what action items the commission can do. The commissioners reviewed the Ordinance and Policy and Procedures. Items discussed were talking with the Fargo Human Rights Commission, looking into the location of meetings, and what action can be done for human rights issues brought to the commissioners.

12. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15pm.