



**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION  
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.  
November 19, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Roll call of the members was made as follows:

Present (6): Evett Ellis, AnnaPoorna Rajesh, Siham Amedy, Jenifer Cannon, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads

Present Not Voting (0):

Absent (1): Sebastian McDougall

Sebastian McDougall came to the meeting after the roll call. Sebastian was present.

**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. October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to Approve made by Siham Amedy and seconded by Evett Ellis.

For 4: AnnaPoorna Rajesh, Jenifer Cannon, Jennifer Aranda, Trenton Gerads

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion**

**4. Guest Speaker**

**5. Community Partners**

**6. Citizens To Be Heard**

**7. Law Enforcement Update**

**8. Regular Business**

**9. Subcommittee Reports**

**A. Education and Outreach**

Commissioners discussed the outreach event at the library "cookies with a commissioner." This event went well and commissioners were able to have discussions with community members on what they see would be beneficial. Commissioner Aranda noted that the feedback from attendees on who they would like to see at the upcoming panels were the Police Chief, someone from housing, a legal aide, someone from the schools, and someone from the city government.

**B. Events**

C. Awards

10. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

Commissioner Rajesh reported that the Moorhead Spuds football team is going to State.

Commissioner Amedy discussed the Pangea event and what a great event it was and a great space to do outreach. Commissioner Amedy also discussed food insecurities and gave a shout out for Great Plains Food Bank that they are in need of donations. Commissioner Ellis reported on the Give MN event.

11. New Business

A. 2025 Human Rights Awards

Commissioner Cannon discussed the 2025 award nominations and stated there were four nominations. Cannon stated that the commission can decide if all four would be awarded or choose one from each category. Ellis stated that she felt all nominations were phenomenal and stated that she would like to award all four.

Motion to Approve all four nominations made by AnnaPoorna Rajesh and seconded by Jennifer Aranda.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

**Motion**

12. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm.