



**MINUTES OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
HJEMKOMST CENTER AUDITORIUM - 202 1ST AVE N.
February 18, 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. January 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Motion to Approve made by Sebastian McDougall 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

4. Guest Speaker

A. Megan Krueger, Moorhead Library Director - Loop Update

Megan Krueger provided the commissioners with an update on the progress of the Loop, the new Moorhead library. Megan reported that an official opening date has not been announced but it will happen in April 2026.

5. Community Partners

6. Citizens To Be Heard

7. Regular Business

A. 2026 Work Plan

Motion to Recommend HRC made by Jennifer Aranda and seconded by Evett Ellis.

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

Discussion of including all 30 human rights to be added into the work plan and having the work plan for 2027 discussed in September and voted on in October.

B. Election of Officers

Motion to Nominate Evett Ellis as Chair made by Jenifer Cannon 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 to Nominate AnnaPoorna Rajesh as Vice Chair made by JenniferAranda and seconded by Jenifer Cannon

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

Against 0: None

Abstain/Recuse 0: None

8. Subcommittee Reports

A. Education and Outreach

B. Events

C. Awards

9. Reports/Announcements/Upcoming Events

10. New Business

11. Adjourn