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## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING

### MINUTES

February 21, 2024 ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC MEETING

**\*Draft Meeting Notes: pending approval\***

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| <b>_Hassina Adams</b>       | <b>_Ryan Smith</b>      |
| <b>_Agnes McCray</b>        | <b>_Chris Gilkes</b>    |
| <b>_Samia Al-Fareh</b>      | <b>_Mia Wade</b>        |
| ✓ <b>_H. Bernard Alex</b>   | <b>_Roosevelt Baums</b> |
| ✓ <b>_Liam O'Connor</b>     | <b>_Paul Harvey</b>     |
| ✓ <b>_Lauren Rosenstein</b> | <b>_M. Banabas</b>      |
| <b>_Leo Sanchez</b>         | <b>_Rasheada C.</b>     |

**Absent:** Hassina Adams, Mbonimpa Banabas, Agnes McCray, Samia al-Fareh, Leo Sanchez, Chris Gilkes, Paul Harvey, Mia Wade, Rev. Roosevelt Baums, Rasheada Caldwell, Ryan Smith

**Present (in-person):** Bishop H. Bernard Alex, Liam O'Connor, Lauren Rosenstein

**County staff present:** CDO Monica Williams and Exec. Dir. of HR Montanette Murphy

**Community Members present:** None

**Opening:** Commissioners met in person at Beauchamp Branch Library

**Introductions and Welcome:** None

**Chair's report:** N/A

**Administrator's report:** There

#### **Discussion:**

Commissioner Alex, O'Connor and Rosenstein discussed the January 2024 meeting between Commissioners and Jordan-Elbridge school officials. It was concluded that the answer and next best step to address the racist incidents that happened to two black male students in the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District is for the district to write an Antiracist Statement for the district. In another matter, Commissioners will be given the opportunity to nominate individuals who are interested in serving as the HRC Chair.

**Discussion ended at 6:30**

*Minutes submitted by Montanette Murphy on February 21, 2024*