



County of Onondaga
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Onondaga County/Syracuse Human Rights Commission

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Minutes: Pending approval

**ONONDAGA COUNTY/CITY OF SYRACUSE
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

APRIL 16, 2025, ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC Meeting

_ Hassina Adams	_ Agnes McCray
_ Lauren Rosenstein	_ Leo Sanchez
_ Roosevelt Baums	_ Paul Harvey
_ H. Bernard Alex (HRC CHAIR)	_ Mary Grace Almandrez
_ Duane L. Reese II	

Absent: Hassina Adams, H. Bernard Alex, Roosevelt Baums, Agnes McCray, Leo Sanchez, Duane L. Reese II, Liam O'Connor

Present: Mary Grace Almandrez, Paul Harvey, Lauren Rosenstein

County staff present: Monica Williams, Anthony Heard

Opening: In-person session began at 5:40 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction: N/A

Community members present: N/A

Discussion: The discussion centered on the role of the Human Rights Commission (HRC) in addressing the recent situation involving the Jordan-Elbridge Central School District. Participants highlighted the positive impact the HRC made within the community, particularly regarding the experiences of two students of color who reported instances of bullying and targeting based on their race. It was noted that one of the students chose to leave the J-E School District, while the other remained. The HRC Commissioners also discussed whether appropriate protocols were followed in managing the cases of the students accused of bullying. Lastly, there was a proposal to consider establishing an honorary Vice Chair position to ensure continuity in leadership during the absence of the elected Chair.

Upcoming HRC events: The Deaf New Americans Asha Laaya Farm Open House is July 25, 2025.

Follow up: N/A

Meeting ended at 6:09 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted by Anthony Heard Sr.