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**Minutes: Pending approval**

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

December 18, 2024, ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC Session

\_Hassina Adams

\_Liam O'Connor

\_Leo Sanchez

\_Paul Harvey

\_Agnes McCray

\_Lauren Rosenstein

\_Roosevelt Baums

\_LaToya Jones (resigned Dec. 14)

\_H. Bernard Alex (HRC CHAIR)

**Absent:** Commissioners Hassina Adams, Bernard Alex, Liam O'Connor, Leo Sanchez, LaToya Jones, and Mia Wade.

**Present:** Lauren Rosenstein, Paul Harvey, Agnes McCray, Roosevelt Baums.

**County staff present:** Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, Executive Director Montanette Rucker, Human Rights Specialist Anthony Heard

**Welcome and Introduction:** Community member Eric Kingson

**Opening:** In-person session began at 5:40 at the Central Library Branch on S. Salina St.

**Discussion:** International Human Rights Day –Let's get this done. The Human Rights Commission should be prepared to host a community service "serve" event or host a forum International Human Rights. Commission wants to discuss in early 2025 International Human Rights Day. Commissioner Harvey suggested a "Day of Action." Agnes said "the timing (of the Human Rights Celebration) is important." She suggested the lunch hour. Paul suggested having the HRC join Focus Greater Syracuse for an upcoming forum. Monica Williams cited that "collaboration is key," partnering with other organizations. Commissioners began discussing topics and groups to collaborate with. Commissioner McCray talked about how the health care system will be changing for diverse groups: "Healthcare is a human right." Community member Eric Kingson was permitted to comment. He expressed his concern for the future of Medicare Part C, Medicaid, and Social Security. Commissioners want to connect with NAN, YMCA, Layla's Got You, law enforcement and other groups. Forum should happen in first quarter of 2025. Other items: Jordan-Elbridge DEI Committee meeting update. Conversations with Solvay School District about incident at school sports event. Deaf New Americans seeking help regarding incident with law enforcement.

**Meeting session ended at 6:45 p.m.**

*Notes submitted by Montanette Rocker on November 27, 2024*