

County of Onondaga Office of Diversity and Inclusion Onondaga County/Syracuse Human Rights Commission

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Minutes: Pending approval

ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2025, ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC Session

_Hassina Adams _Liam O'Connor _Leo Sanchez _Paul Harvey

_Agnes McCray _Lauren Rosenstein _Roosevelt Baums _H. Bernard Alex (HRC CHAIR)

Absent: Commissioners Liam O'Connor, Leo Sanchez, Roosevelt Baums.

Present: Commissioners Lauren Rosenstein, Paul Harvey, Agnes McCray, Hassina Adams (via phone) H. Bernard Alex (via phone).

County staff present: Monica Williams and Montanette Rocker. Anthony Heard Sr. absent. **Welcome and Introduction**

Opening: In-person session began at 5:35 at the Central Library Branch on S. Salina St. **Discussion:** Commissioners discussed topics for upcoming forums:

- Youth and their interaction with the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.
- Educate community on the structure of local law enforcement: SPD, OCSO, State Police.
- Mental health and our youth, specifically mental health and homeless youth.
- Creating a civilian oversight group to monitor the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.
- Conduct a "Know Your Rights" workshop as it relates to law enforcement, immigration.
- Host a youth empowerment workshop
- Facilitate a conversation with the community and the Onondaga County Sheriff's Office.

Follow up: Previous HRC discussions

- Solvay Union Free School District's request for guidance on a sports matter.
- Set dates to meet with Deaf New Americans regarding incident with law enforcement.

Meeting session ended at 6:45 p.m.

Notes submitted by Montanette Rocker on January 24, 2025