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Minutes: Pending approval

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

November 20, 2024, ONONDAGA COUNTY/SYRACUSE HRC SESSION

_Hassina Adams	_Agnes McCray
_Liam O'Connor	_Lauren Rosenstein
_Leo Sanchez	_Roosevelt Baums
_Paul Harvey	_LaToya Jones
_H. Bernard Alex (HRC CHAIR)	

Absent: Hassina Adams, Liam O'Connor, LaToya Jones

J-E Committee meeting: Paul Harvey, H. Bernard Alex, Lauren Rosenstein

Present: Roosevelt Baums, Agnes McCray, Leo Sanchez

Resignations: Mia Wade resigned Nov. 19, 2024.

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

Welcome and Introduction/No community members present

Opening: In-person session began at 5:35 at the Central Library Branch on S. Salina St.

Discussion: Commissioners discussed hosting a forum called "Resolve to Reconnect," to address the 2024 Election results and give the community a chance to unite after the Nov. 5 Election and whether it was worth discussing the election outcome, adding that the community may have had enough of election discussions. Commissioners considered redirecting the upcoming forum topic to youth violence, poverty, education, and community resources to address community problems. Commissioners also agreed they don't have to poll the community about what it thinks are the problems in our community. Commission has a good handle on issues, including youth violence, lead in housing, food insecurity, lack of housing, lack of affordable housing, and homelessness. Commission should bring in community leaders and agencies that can help address the community issues. Commissioners agreed that resources of all types are needed to address some of the issues in our community.

Meeting session ended at 6:24 p.m.

Notes submitted by Montanette Rocker on November 27, 2024