

CITY OF REVERE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

5:00 pm Eastern Time

Location: City Council Chambers or via Zoom

Monthly Meeting – October 5, 2023 – Minutes

1.) Acting Chair Hossaini calls meeting to order

2.) Roll call of commissioners

- Present in Person: Attorney Molly McGee, Chief Chris Bright, Dr. Lorenzo Garcia, Kourou Pich, and Chair Chaimaa Hossaini
- Absent: Reverend Tim Bogertman and Chief David Callahan

3.) Land Acknowledgement

- Recognizes that Revere is on the land of the Pawtucket and extends an invitation for any Indigenous or First Nation's People to spectate the circle from zoom.

4.) Monthly Acknowledgements

- October is Italian Heritage Month
- October is National Domestic Violence Month, presented by Commissioner Pich
- October 5th is the Egyptian Flag Raising
- October 6th is German-American Heritage Day
- October 9th is known as Columbus Day, but is nationally recognized as Indigenous People's Day
- October 10th is World Mental Health Day
- October 11th is National Coming Out Day
- October 12th is Italian Flag Raising Day
- October 14th is Fright Night at the RMA and is also Revere Fire Prevention Day
- October 17th is the International Day for the eradication of Poverty and Birth of Bahauallah and Spirit Day
- October 20th is the Birth of the Bab in Shiraz
- October 22nd is International Stuttering Awareness Day
- October 26th is Open Mic Night at the Revere Public Library
- October 31st is both Halloween and Samhain

5.) Approval of Minutes of the September 7th Meeting

- Commissioner Kourou motions to approve, Dr. Garcia seconds. All are in favor.

6.) Guest Speaker and Video Presentation

- Chair Hossaini introduces Strong Oak, and a video on the historical origins of the colonization of the native people by those coming from England is presented.

7.) Circle

- Brief recess for HRC members attending in person, amongst the guests who joined us for the circle, and for Strong Oak to help set up the circle for discussions to begin
- Commissioners and guests participate in the circle process revolving around Indigenous Peoples and Columbus Days – Hosted by Strong Oak
- Watch the entire circle here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uj1zxvy-3xU&t=1s>

8.) Other businesses

- Add to the calendar: October is the National Disability Awareness Month, provided by Ralph DeCicco

9.) Adjournment

- Chief Bright Motions to adjourn, Commissioner Pich Seconds. All are in favor. Meeting is now adjourned