



## CITY OF REVERE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

5:00 pm Eastern Time

Location: City Hall Council Chambers or via Zoom

### Monthly Meeting on October 6, 2022

#### Minutes

1) **Chairperson Grillo Marra calls meeting to order.**

#### 2) **Roll Call of Commissioners**

- Present in person: Chief Chris Bright, Dr Lourenco Garcia, Molly McGee, Kourou Pich, and Chair Janine Grillo Marra
- Present remotely on Zoom: Vice Chair Chaimaa Hossaini, Rachid Moukhabir
- Absent: Lynn Alexis, Rev Tim Bogertman, Chief Dave Callahan,
- Quorum in attendance.
- Chairperson announces that Kathi Reinstein has resigned due to conflict with scheduling and other professional reasons.

Chair Grillo Marra requests point of personal privilege to make the following announcements:

- Resignation of previous Director Dr. Maritsa Barros in late June
- Acknowledgement of tragedy today in Thailand
- Sadness for the sudden death of City Councilor George Rotondo on September 11, after which the Commission stands for moment of silence

#### 3) **Land Acknowledgment**

Recognizes and respects Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land. Includes moment of silence to acknowledge that Revere is the land of the Pawtucket tribe.

#### 4) **Arrive & Settle**

Chair Grillo Marra screen shares and reads poem about human rights, *MY POEM*, Author Unknown, followed by short silence.

#### 5) **Approval of Minutes from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> monthly Meeting**

Commissioner Pich MOTIONS to **approve the minutes** and Dr Garcia Alexis seconds; All are in favor.

#### 6) **Monthly acknowledgements with event highlights (by Chair)**

- Heritage months: Hispanic and Latinx (September 15- October), Italian, Filipino American and Polish American.
- October is also month of Awareness for domestic violence, bullying prevention, Down Syndrome, and National Disability Employment.
- Local events: 10/1 Shirley Ave Cultural Festival and 10/7 Italian Flag Raising.



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### 7) Topics for Discussion

#### a. HRC Banner

- Chair Grillo Marra shares two versions of banner created by Vice Chair Hossaini.
- Both versions have background of different flags. First version has HRC full mission statement to be used on the website/online but not for printing purpose. Second version summarizes mission statement with less text and could be used for printing.
- Question: shall we use two or only the one with less text?
- All Commissioners thank Vice Chair Hossaini and overall, like the idea of two different banners for different purposes.
- Commissioners give input to have flag background be a bit more visible and ensure flags represent multiple nations before finalizing banner.

### 8) Video excerpt on Columbus and Indigenous People's Day

- a. An Act establishing Indigenous Peoples Day: 1/11/22 MA Indigenous Legislative Agenda segment with Mahtowin Munro (Lakota, United American Indians of New England - UAINE) and Heather Leavell (Italian Americans for Indigenous Peoples Day)
  - Chair states that over the summer she and Chief of Staff Kim Hanton met with representatives from the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB) and this video clip was recommended by them.
  - Clerk shares screen to play 11-minute video excerpt.
  - Commissioners appreciate the video and state the importance of continuing to regularly have conversations and education on these matters in the Commission and in the city.
  - Commissioner McGee states she learned through a Revere History Museum Facebook post that the location of Friendly Gardens on Revere Street is on a Native American sacred burial ground site and proposes the Commission attain more information and investigate how to possibly create a memorial on the site. Chair will contact Bob Upton and Toby Pearlstein from the History Museum to get more information and direction.

### 9) Other Business - NONE

### 10) Open Forum (opportunity for the public to address HRC) – NONE, no guests present

### 11) Adjournment

Commissioner McGee MOTIONS to adjourn. Commissioner Pich seconds. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.