

Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission
Draft Minutes of Meeting
May 18, 2023, 6:00 pm Kenosha County Admin Building

Committee Members Present: Elizabeth Garcia, Brian Thomas, Justin Crosby, Brian Gonzales, Xavier Solis, Alayna Arrington, Cortney Marshall, Duane O’Keefe

Excused: Daniel Gaschke

Others Present: Andy Berg

6:00 PM

1. Call to Order/Roll Call –Commissioner Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

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2. Approval of Minutes- April 20, 2023. Supervisor Thomas made note that correct minutes with attendance was sent. **Minutes Moved by Commissioner Brian Gonzales, Seconded by Commissioner Justin Crosby. All Aye Motion Carried.**

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3. Citizens Comments – Comments limited to 5 minutes. Comments made by: Heidi Helgeson and Gail Clark Taylor.

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4. Welcoming New REEC members- round table with name introductions.

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5. Election of Chair and Vice Chair- Supervisor Thomas nominated Xavier Solis. Commissioner Crosby nominated Elizabeth. She declined. Supervisor Thomas made the motion to nominate Xavier, Elizabeth seconded. Xavier thanked them for their nomination and gave a brief description of why he should be chair. Some discussion regarding voting structure. 5 Aye and 2 Nay and 1 abstain. Xavier was voted Chair.

Commissioner Duane nominated Commissioner Brian Gonzalez for vice chair. Courtney 2nd. Commissioner Gonzalez accepted the nomination. No discussion. 5 Aye and 2 Nay and 1 abstain. Brian was voted Vice Chair.

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7. Subcommittee Workgroups and Leadership-

Xavier proposes the following subcommittees: Law Enforcement and Judicial, Health, and Housing. Discussion on the bylaws and the scope. Chair Solis appoints the subcommittee Workgroups.

Law Enforcement- Chair- Brian Gonzalez, Supervisor Thomas and Duane
Health- Chair- Andy Berg, Commissioner Alayna
Housing- Chair- Cortney Marshall, Commissioner Crosby and Xavier

Discussion on Elizabeth and her skillset. Chair Xavier found her something aligned with her skillset. The chairs of the subcommittees will meet between time and will report to the June meeting. Discussion on subcommittee and inviting community members. Discussion on the bylaws and confirming with Corporation Counsel on subcommittees and if they are open record.

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8. City of Kenosha Action Roadmap to Inclusion, Equality & Equity Report- Chair Xavier gave Supervisor Thomas the floor. He handed out to report, asked that it be on the agenda for next month and that everyone have time to go over it before they discuss and use it in their subcommittees.

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9. Future Scheduling: June 15, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Auditors Room. Topics to include: City of Kenosha Action Roadmap to Inclusion, Equality & Equity Report. Discussion about how the agenda is handled. Supervisor Thomas brought up the bylaws.

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12. Adjourn- Supervisor Thomas makes a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. **All Aye. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelsey Hubeler