

**Human Rights Commission
City of Northampton
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**Meeting Notice: Wednesday, February 26, 2020, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Puchalski Municipal Building**

Agenda

- 5:30 PM Public Comment
- 5:35 PM Accept January 29 minutes taken by Karen
- 5:40 PM Response to HRC recommendations on Mayor's report re panhandling
- 5:45 PM Guest column from Karen re HRC recommendations
- 6:00 PM HRC future membership, leadership, recruitment updates, priorities
- 6:20 PM HRC documents and updates, handbook for new members
- 6:40 PM Non-citizen driver's license campaign update
- 6:50 PM All-gender bathrooms discussion
- 6:55 PM New Business
- 7:00 PM Adjourn

The NHRC invites members of the public to its meetings. We set aside time at the beginning of each meeting for the public to address us, and we appreciate the thoughts and feedback we receive from the community. Because of our obligations under the Open Meetings Law, all of the work of the Commission can only be done when we are together in our public meetings. For this reason, we cannot respond to the public comments we receive in real time, and we must limit the public comment to a defined time on our meeting agenda. We also welcome feedback via email, HRC@northamptonma.gov

The Human Rights Commission shall act to promote human rights in the city of Northampton. The Commission shall advocate and be an information resource for the rights guaranteed by law on the basis of race or color, gender, physical or mental ability, religion, socioeconomic status, ethnic or national origin, sexual identification or orientation or age for all persons in Northampton.

The mayor or City Council may refer issues pertaining to human rights to the commission for review and recommendation. The commission may organize programs and events to educate about human rights.

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