

City of Northampton
Human Rights Commission
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AGENDA FOR MEETING: Wednesday, August 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: In person at City Council Chambers, City Hall 212 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

1. Public Comment
2. Approval of July 2023 Minutes
3. Commissioner Alton McCray update on subcommittee work for 75th Anniversary of Universal Declaration of Human Rights
4. Commissioner Dianna Stallone update on recent Supreme Court Decisions and legislative actions affecting Human Rights. Presentation and discussion of draft letter to Gazette denouncing Supreme Court's decision overturning affirmative action in college admissions.
5. Discussion of membership issues, direction, and goals for the HRC going forward
6. New Business 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, 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 two minutes per speaker. We also welcome feedback via email at northamptonhrc@gmail.com.

OUR MISSION

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.