

**LGBTQ Commission of Kansas City
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 07/31/2024

Meeting Location: Virtual

Start time: 6:00 pm

Roll Call: as follows

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| Attendance (x indicates present) | x | Celia Ruiz, (she/her) | | Alvaro Ontiveros (he/him) | | |
| | x | JD Besares, (he/him) | x | Ammaarah Khan | | |
| | x | Molly Uhlenhake, DO,(she/her) | x | McKenzie Smith | | |
| | | Kim Shaw-Ellis (she/her) | | | | |
| | x | Marquez Beasley | | | | |

Starting at 6:05pm

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

May and June minutes presented for approval. Commissioner Uhlenhake moved to approve. Commissioner Beasley seconded. All in favor.

City Update

Jared Horman shared that a resolution was passed with the city to support our trans community. The resolution is focused on how to better support trans community. Collaborative efforts across the city will include research, public safety, health, employment and HR. The LGBTQ Commission will be an integral part in community engagement and recommendations. Updates will be provided as available.

Old Business

Commission Vacancies:

Chair has reached out to Mayor’s office regarding vacancies, including Commissioner Shaw’s appointment. Chair asked newly appointed 5th District Commissioner Smith to introduce themselves. Commissioner Smith current work for City Probation and Parole Department and the Municipal Court. The Mayor’s office sent a corrected Commission application link and it will be shared with the Commission.

Bylaw Review

To be addressed at next meeting.

Social Media

The Commission X (formerly Twitter) is currently on hold. We will continue to use Facebook. If there is a volunteer interested in assisting with Instagram or LinkedIn please reach out to Chair Besares.

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Executive Role – Secretary:

We are still looking for a volunteer to fill the secretary role. If you are interested please reach out to Chair Besares or Vice Chair Ruiz.

Hate Crimes Ordinance Review

Commissioner Ontiveros not present. To be addressed at next meeting.

Resolution for Trans Funding

Already covered during City updates agenda item.

New Business

New Appointment

Already covered during Vacancies agenda item.

Chair Besares asked if the group would like to meet in person for the August 28th meeting. Majority voiced an in-person preference. Chair Besares will look into location and notify group. We'll keep the meeting at 1 hour to 1 hour and a half.

Community Engagement

Vice Chair Ruiz shared the importance of staying engaged with community and communities outside of our personal circles in an effort to best understand and support our entire KC LGBTQ communities. Commissioners are encouraged to invite the public to attend our monthly meetings and attend any in-person meetings to come.

Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Beasley shared upcoming 18th and Vine Arts Festival.

Vice Chair Ruiz shared information on Mental Health First Aid. Vice Chair Ruiz and Commissioner Beasley will connect offline to coordinate a Mental Health First Aid presence at the 18th and Vine Arts Festival.

Commissioner Uhlenhake shared growing mental health concerns seen in clinical setting. Concerns include anxiety due to local, statewide and national elections. University Health is again looking at hosting another LGBTQ panel and may reach out to Commissioners if there is interest in participating or connecting to others.

Commissioner Smith shared Municipal is working on developing a DEI board for decision making, administrative need and community engagement strategies.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

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Commissioner Uhlenhake motioned to adjourn meeting. Vice Chair seconded motion. All in favor.
End of meeting time: 6:56pm

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 at 6pm