

Frankfort Human Rights Commission  
August 2, 2022, 5:00 p.m.  
City Hall

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chairperson Bob Padgett. Present were Katima Smith-Willis, Anita Collins, and Lisa Gabbard.

Two guests were present: Jim Jackson from the Frankfort Interfaith Council and Kristie Powe from Focus on Race Relations (Frankfort).

There being no quorum at the July meeting, the June meeting minutes were approved. Motion was made by Anita Collins and seconded by Katima Smith-Willis, with all voting in favor.

Jason Hart, Fairness Officer, could not be present, so there was no update.

Bob shared the history of the FHRC with the guests, and the group discussed the scope of our work and some of the things we've accomplished. In addition, we shared our struggles with non-working email addresses and lack of funding.

Other items discussed were the possibility of the county creating a Human Rights Commission and then partnering with them and ways to increase the presence and activities of FHRC in the community.

In New Business, Bob informed the group that Bruce Brooks will be nominated at the 8/22/22 City Commission meeting for membership on the Commission. He should then be available to attend the September meeting. Bob also indicated that this would be his last meeting, as his resignation will become official immediately afterward. He will email the mayor and ask that tonight's guest, Kristie Powe, be nominated, as well. Ms. Poe will fill out an application and submit it with her resumé in time to be approved on 8/22. Anita informed the group that she may not renew her term in December, which would create an additional position to be filled.

The members discussed attendance for Commissioners, and it was decided that members need to be held accountable for missing meetings, as per our by-laws.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Anita Collins made the motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. with a second from Katima Smith-Willis, and all voted in favor.