

Abington Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes – May 2025

May 7, 2025

In Attendance: Michele Cooper, Kristin Chapin, Rosemary Jenkins, Shelley Rosenberg, Joanne Kleiner, Monique Allen, Bonnie Dalzell

Absent: Justin Williams

CALL TO ORDER

7:03PM

ROLL CALL

4/2/2025 Meeting Minutes were approved.

PRESENTATION

E3 Plan - email upgrade

The email upgrade is complete! We now have multiple applications including One Drive where we can share files. Rosemary will send out instructions on how to log in, view email and upload documents.

4th of July Parade - Quiet Zone

No updates; waiting for a response from the Greater Glenside Patriotic Association.

Upper Dublin Human Relations Commission Meeting (May 8)

Joanne and Shelley will attend and explore future partnership opportunities with the Upper Dublin HRC.

Implicit Bias Training (October)

Rosemary and Joanne will schedule a meeting with Chief Molloy to review the expectations for content and will edit the existing presentation and post to One Drive by the end of May. Plan for a meeting in July for all of us to review and edit the presentation and familiarize everyone with the content.

Available CDBG grant application for community partners (deadline May 23)

We are trying to find a connection and potential proposal for a grant application. Hopefully we could use it for continued community outreach and educational programming.

School District DEI meeting

Michele met with Drs Fecher and Melchor from ASD. Dr Fecher said they do need to be measured in the way that they answer and are open to having 1:1 conversations with the HRC and partnering with us. Dr Fecher would like us to connect with Dr Carmen Lessne, ASD's new Equity Officer, to try to align their programs and goals and initiatives to opportunities that we could provide in the community. They are aware that challenges are coming and will be cautious about the things that come to their attention through Right to Know.

DEI social media campaign

Monique, Shelley and Monique will meet separately to discuss.

Annual Report and recording

Kristin recorded our Annual Report.

Presentation to Board of Commissioners (tomorrow evening)

Kristin and Michele will be presenting our annual report to the Board on May 8 and will discuss what we have been working on so far this year to date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Michele shared what she learned from Lori Schreiber – the theme for Pride Month is “Unbreakable Pride – Free to Be!” The Pride flag raising in Abington will be in May but Pride Festival at the Abington Library will be in June.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Abington Commissioner Jeffrey Browne joined and spoke to us about the CDBG grants and how the HRC might be able to advocate for fair housing in the township.

ADJOURNMENT

8:19PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Jenkins

5/8/2025