



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes - Final

EQUAL RIGHTS COMMISSION

TONY SNELL RODRIGUEZ, CHAIR

ELLE HALO, VICE-CHAIR

**Jessica Boling, William Crowley, Nathan Guequierre,
Jacqueline Cook, Paul Smith, Alexandria Staubach,
Alexander Kostal, Denise Manjarrez-Renteria and Madeline
Miranda-Navarro**

Staffing: Ramona Ramos

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

4:00 PM

Room 301 A, City Hall

1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Snell Rodriguez 4:05 PM

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Snell Rodriguez, Guequierre, Boling, Halo and Staubach

Absent 3 - Cook, Smith and Kostal

Excused 2 - Crowley and Manjarrez-Renteria

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes approved without objection.

4. Welcome remarks from the Chair

- *Chair welcomed attendees.*
- *Acknowledged Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.*
- *Noted upcoming Pride Month in June.*

5. Communication from Department of Compliance and Engagement – Director Mary Reed

- *Equal Rights Specialist position is in approval process.*
- *No confirmed fill date yet.*
- *Department is managing several vacancies.*
- *Ramona Ramos was congratulated on her promotion to Operations Manager.*
- *DCE shared updates on vendor outreach, SBE outreach, and RPP engagement.*

6. Communication from Committees*Governance Committee*

- *Final commission appointment moved forward.*
- *Item expected at upcoming Common Council meeting.*

LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

- *Committee met with community partners, including Milwaukee LGBT Center.*
- *Discussed listening sessions, recommendations, and partnership-building.*
- *Focus areas include trans and nonbinary safety, housing, healthcare, transportation, and crisis response.*

Ad Hoc Housing

- *Committee reviewed draft ordinance language.*
- *Discussion focused on housing discrimination and source-of-income language.*
- *Further legal review planned before formal June consideration.*

Ad Hoc International Human Rights Day Planning Committee

- *Planning is underway for this year's event.*
- *Committee discussed interactive programming and art-based ideas.*
- *Family-friendly engagement was emphasized.*

7. Communication from DCE Staff – Ramona Ramos

- *Commissioner parking, InfoSec and other commissioner training items were discussed.*
- *Volunteer sign-up shared for upcoming ERC events.*
- *Web-based ERC app pilot update given; full presentation deferred to a future meeting*

8. Community Announcements

- *Vendor fair scheduled for the following day at City Hall May 28.*
- *RPP certification event scheduled for June 16.*
- *Joint City/County Progressive Pride flag raising announced for Monday at 9:00 AM (June 1).*
- *Public invited to send announcements to erc@milwaukee.gov.*

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Approved.
Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM