



**CITY OF QUINCY
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**

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Agenda

City of Quincy Human Rights Commission

Quincy City Hall

July 11, 2019 | 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – Approval of the June 6, 2019 meeting minutes

Public Comment

Old Business

- Education Committee
- Public Relations
- Community Action

New Business

- Late Additions

Commissioner's Comments

Adjournment

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2019

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June 6, 2019

Call to Order

At 6:38 pm Susan Scholz, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order.

Roll Call

Present: Zach Bemis, Kate Daniels, Joel Logue, Susan Scholz, Adam Spory, Cecil Weathers, Dennis Williams, Fr. Joe Zimmerman

Absent: Katie Awerkamp, Mike Baker, Macy Ferguson-Smith, Les Fonza, Sue Rush, Pamela Wallace

Approval of Minutes – The April and May 2019 minutes were approved on a motion by Williams, seconded by Weathers.

Public Comment

Roy Webb updated the Commission on some summer developments. Teen Reach is being held at Adams School; Washington School was not in condition to sponsor summer programs. Quincy Public Schools is providing transportation for lunch at Adams from Washington School and

Frederick Ball. Logue described a cooperative arrangement between BASF (his employer) and Teen Reach for a program involving science labs.

A citizen brought a complaint of being treated disrespectfully by a lawyer in a court situation. Several members of the Commission offered suggestions about how that individual might deal with the situation.

Old Business

- Education Committee – Williams noted that QPS truancy rates were up slightly from the previous year, but that for no apparent reason truancy tickets ceased being issued for the last two or three months of the school year. Bemis will look into this. 15% of Teen Reach students are white, but all of those white students say that there are no students “like them” in the schools. This surprised Williams, who concluded that the students feel different from the rest of the school population because of their low income status.
- Public Relations – No report.
- Community Action – No report.

New Business

Zimmerman and Daniels received an email from Theresa Alford, who processes our minutes for the City, suggesting that Commission members might benefit from updating on the Open Meetings requirements. Several members expressed interest in getting such updating. Ms. Alford also called attention to confusion about paperwork for new Commission members; Zimmerman will confer with her to clarify what is needed. Zimmerman will provide a list of retirement dates for Commission members.

The Commission voted to have Zimmerman draft a letter of support for a rental inspection ordinance, to be approved at next month’s meeting.

Commissioners’ Comments

Weathers invited Commission members to a fish fry at 10th and Cedar from 11:00 to 3:30 this coming Friday.

Williams invited Commission members to the Teen Reach summer kickoff at 815 Elm on June 15 at noon.

The next Commission meeting will be on July 11.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully,

Fr. Joe Zimmerman, Secretary

Zimmerman found a letter from Weathers to Mayor Moore dated June 2016, listing Commission members at that time and the dates of their terms.

Here is the list, updated for today's members; all terms expire in May:

	Term expires
Katie Averkamp	(City Council representative)
Mike Baker	2021
Zach Bemis	(Police representative)
Kate Daniels	2021
Macy Ferguson-Smith	2021
Les Fonza	2020
Joel Logue	2021
Sue Rush	2021
Susan Scholz	2020
Adam Spory	2022
Pamela Wallace	2022
Dennis Williams	2020
Fr. Joe Zimmerman	2022

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