

Michigan City Human Rights Commission

Minutes of May 12, 2026

Call to order by Chairman Derald Borton

Roll call:

Present: Mary Ellen Quinn, Albertine Allen, Bunny Dimke, Derald Borton, Marty Corley

Absent: Kameesha Williams, Tyra Robinson-Walker

Council Liason Don Pryzbylinski present.

Minutes from April meeting accepted after amendment by Derald Borton to reflect approval by the commission of payments to FOP for HOYA dinner, and to Scottys Dynamic Designs for awards. Minutes accepted after revision. Treasurer's Report presented by Bunny Dimke. Balance as of May 31, 2026 is \$3564.78. Report accepted.

Derald thanked Mary Ellen Quinn for her work on the HOYA dinner and Mary Ellen thanked the commission and the community for a successful event honoring Dr. Kora , Stephanie Olsen, and others.

Don Pryzbylinski also commented on the success of the event

Committee reports:

Education: Marty Corley requested approval of \$1000 to each of the 3 scholarship winners. Motion made by Bunny Dimke, seconded by Mary Ellen Quinn; motion accepted.

Community Engagement: Bunny Dimke said the Sip N Paint will be re-scheduled once a suitable location is found.

No Old business. No new business.

Commissioner Comments:

Derald requested that the 3 \$25 gift cards left from the essay contest be turned into the Controllars Office to be added to the HRC budget Motion made by Marty Corley, seconded by Mary Ellen Quinn.

Marty Corley requested prayers for the families of the victims of the recent post prom shooting event.

Albertine Allen and Bunny Dimke noted that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. 988 is the Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Don P. noted that there is a GoFundMe page for the family of the deceased teen shooting victim to help with funeral expenses.

Derald suggested that instead of returning the gift cards into the HRCommision budget, that they be donated to each of the 3 families affected by the recent shooting. Motion made by Derald Borton, seconded by Albertine Allen, approved by the commission.

Next meeting is Tuesday June 2, 2026 in the community room at Police Headquarters.

Motion to adjourn made by Albertine, seconded by Marty.Meeting adjourned .

