



**Human Rights Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Legal Representation Committee Meeting  
October 7, 2021  
Virtual/Electronic Meeting  
1:30 pm**

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**1. WELCOME**

- a. CALL TO ORDER
  - i. No current official Chair. Kathryn Laughon called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm
- b. ROLL CALL
  - i. Kathryn Laughon
- c. MISSION (recited by all): *Act as a strong advocate to justice and equal opportunity by providing citywide leadership and guidance in the area of civil rights.*

**2. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

- a. PUBLIC COMMENT
  - i. None
- b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC
  - i. None

**3. MINUTES**

- a. Review of minutes from 9/2/21
  - i. Not enough Commissioners in attendance to vote

**4. BUSINESS MATTERS**

- a. None

**5. WORK SESSION**

- a. Next steps for draft resolution
  - i. OHR staff reached out to attorney who is currently doing pro-bono assistance in an OHR case for an hour and cost estimation
    1. Wonders if this level of detail is necessary in a resolution to propose the project to Council
    2. Will continue to look for more programmatic details for the future
  - ii. Kathryn says she would defer to future committee members; thinks these details would not go in the resolution, but they are helpful to answer later questions
  - iii. Kathryn looked at resolution—seems satisfactory
  - iv. Concern of making both requests at once versus asking more sequentially
    1. OHR staff says ideally, Council would consider resolution during budget session, and this is the time to move forward
    2. If Commission passed resolution to move forward, the

Commission could just write a letter to Council saying it wants to do this

a. Would want to have a number at this point

3. There are 5 ongoing complaints and four involved in mediation; not all OHR clients desire legal representation, but it will be a salient issue to consider

v. Priority may also be funding OHR

vi. Decision to put resolution on hold until taking it up with Commission

**6. MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC**

a. PUBLIC COMMENT

i. None

b. COMMISSION RESPONSE TO MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC

i. None

**7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

a. None

**8. NEXT STEPS**

a. Putting resolution on hold until taking it up with Commission

**9. ADJOURN**

a. Meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm