

# City of Lansing Human Relations & Community Services Advisory Board Meeting Summary

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**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, May 26, 2026  
**Time of Meeting:** 5:30 PM  
**Place of Meeting:** Foster Community Center  
200 N. Foster, Room 211  
Lansing, MI 48912

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**Attendance:** Ron Embry, Glenn Lopez, Dr. Versey Williams and Dr. Thomas Woods

**Staff:** Interim Director Delvata Moses, Amy Crank, and, Renee Morgan Freeman

**Others:** Patrick Abood, OCA and Sunny Miller, OCA

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ron Embry at 5:45 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

A quorum was established with the majority of board members present.

## **Approval of the Agenda**

Dr. Woods moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dr. Williams. Motion carried.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Dr. Williams moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026. Seconded by Dr. Woods. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Communications**

None

## **Interim Director's Report**

Interim Director Moses provided updates on Causeway Bay, indicating that currently six people are still residing there. HRCS is working diligently towards transitioning them into housing. There is a RFP being circulated for Street Outreach, which was disseminated on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The RFP are due June 5<sup>th</sup>, with an evaluation period through June 15<sup>th</sup> and award selection scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Currently HRCS is waiting for the final approval of architectural designs for the NOVA Lansing Housing Initiative as well as the engineering plans. An RFP is in the process for construction. The NOVA meet and greet initially scheduled for June is being postponed. The Interim Director attended the City Council Ways and Means Committee for the approval of a resolution to accept the \$600,000 grant allocated for the ModPods from Ingham County, which has been accepted. The HRCS team took advantage of an invitation to tour the City Rescue Mission. The team when in two shifts, 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m. The latter provided an opportunity to see the mission in action during the times people are there. The City Rescue Mission houses 200 men and an additional 100 women when completed. They also have an outreach drop-in center for up to 100 people.

The HRCS Culture and Accountability team instituted virtual training on various subjects related to culture, bias, equity, inclusion, harassment and discrimination for city employees. It was realized that city employees who work in the field, such as public service, do not have access to a desk and computer. Therefore, HRCS implemented an equitable process, which entailed in-person training sessions. These sessions were well received and a win for HRCS. Interim Director Moses shared an update on HRCS Advisory Board vacancies. The Mayor's office is working on appointments. One person has been vetted, and another person is going through the vetting stage. Chair Embry will be re-appointed for another term. It is hoped that the two board vacancies will be filled soon.

There were inquiries about the Street Outreach RFP, its selection process and whether there are concerns about HRCS funding for the current Street Outreach contract. A brief discussion ensued.

Interim Director Moses directed attention on two upcoming events and provided brief details for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Diversity on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and the HRCS Housing Ombudsman partnership with the Ingham County Housing Resource Fair on Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

Dr. Woods moved that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**HRCS Advisory Board Members (6/8):** Ronald Embry/Chair (2<sup>nd</sup> Ward), Sean Gehle (MAL), Melissa Horste/Vice Chair (MAL), Glenn Lopez (1<sup>st</sup> Ward), Versey Williams (3<sup>rd</sup> Ward), Thomas Woods (MAL), Vacancy (MAL), Vacancy (4<sup>th</sup> Ward)