



Minutes
Committee on Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
Wednesday, August 14, 2024 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Jackson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Jackson, Chair
Council Member Pehlivanoglu, Vice-Chair- excused
Council Member Carter, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Hannah Jones- Nelson

MINUTES

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM JULY 10, 2024, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

RESOLUTION – Appointment; Hannah Jones- Nelson; 2nd Ward Member; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Board; Term to Expire 6/30/2026.

Ms. Jones – Nelson first began explaining her time in Lansing since 2021, and her passion to getting involved. She elaborated on her career, volunteering, substituting in the schools, and her interest in being a member of this Diversity Advisory Board to give everyone a voice, and involving and educating the youth and young people.

Council Member Carter asked her if she volunteers with other programs with the youth, and Ms. Jones-Nelson admitted her time has been with students and neighborhood volunteering. She works with denominational youth ministry in the district for churches. Council Member Carter asked why this Board, and Ms. Jones-Nelson stated in her ministry work it is male dominated, and feels this is an opportunity to get involved. In her personal life she has a family member with special needs and wants to make sure she has a voice.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER CARTER TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF HANNAH JONES-NELSON, 2ND WARD MEMBER TO THE DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION ADVISORY BOARD WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Jackson informed the applicant this will go before the full Council on August 26th where she could be appointed and sworn in.

DISCUSSION - City Programs for City to Consider

Council Member Jackson noted that over the course of the year the Committee has consider what the City can do for the community. Part of their inquiry including having the County in to speak on what they currently do and the HRCS department as well. The Committee should consider if any of the topics would require budget funding and list them in the Budget priorities.

Ms. Boak went through the materials including the spreadsheet that highlighted potential activities, what programs the County does and what programs HRCS does. The Committee should consider if any of those activities would be addressed with an ordinance or resolution, or budget priority. Ms. Boak stated she will draft a report for the Committee to review before the next meeting.

Other

No other topics.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted, Sherrie Boak

Recording Secretary, Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on September 11, 2024